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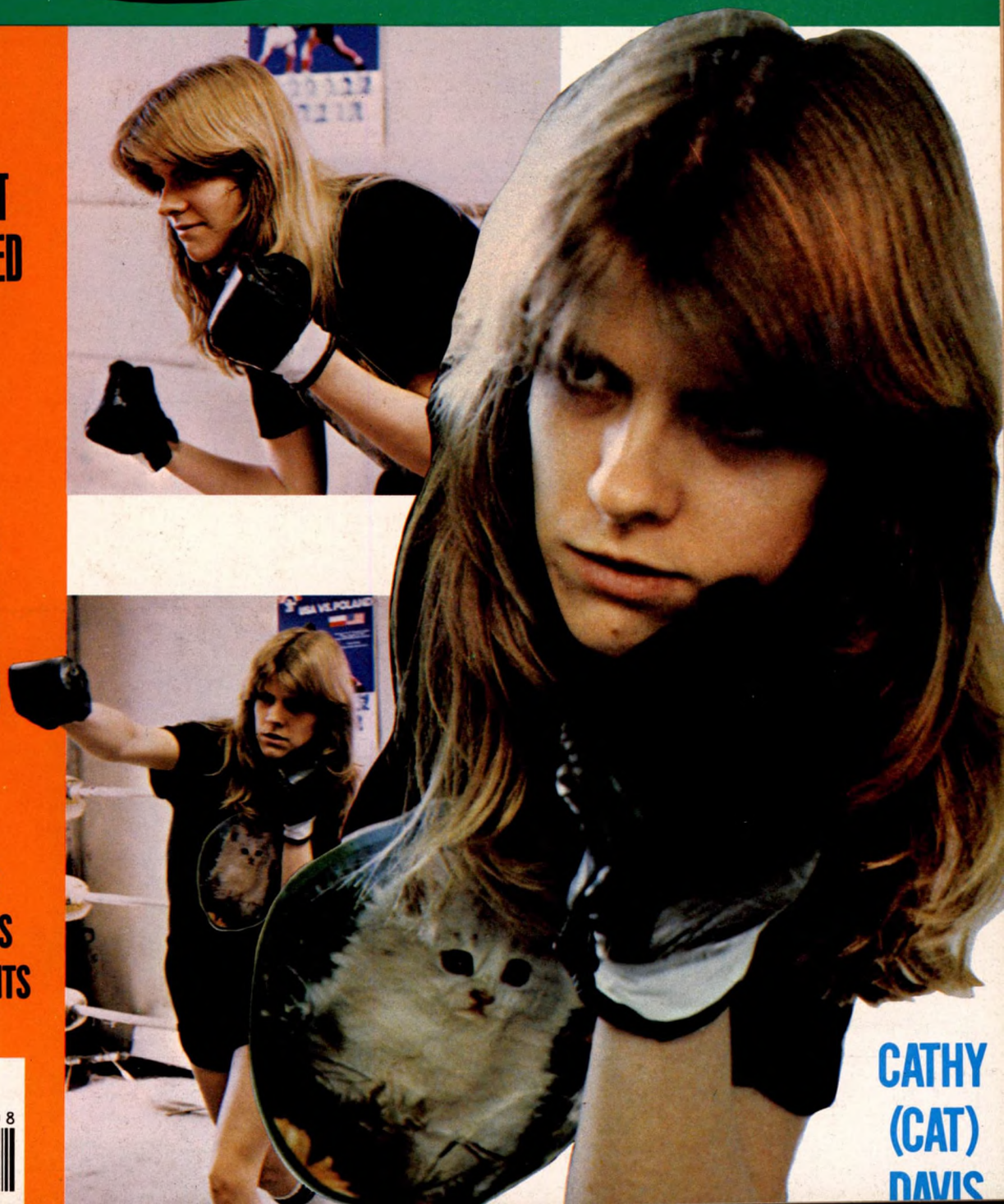

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AS I SEE IT

AN EDITORIAL

BY NAT LOUBET, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

THE year of 1978 marks the sixty-fourth birthday of Joe Louis. It is only fitting that *The Ring* pay tribute to Joe, not only for what he has accomplished for boxing and his country, but for mankind.

The late columnist Jimmy Cannon put it best when he wrote of Joe: "Joe Louis is a credit to his race—the human race." It is for his humane contribution to the world that Joe will be remembered by all of us. But there are other sides of Joe that augment and add to his stature. His quiet poise and reserve, his delightful dry sense of humor and the fact that he has always been so "fair minded" makes Louis one of those sports and world figures who will never be forgotten.

Louis was born Joseph Louis Barrow on May 13, 1914, in a shanty near Lexington, Alabama, the seventh child of Lillie Reese and Munroe Barrow. His family was always in severe financial straits and after the loss of his father, which occured early in his life, Joe found himself in Detroit, working in the automobile industry. It was here that he met a competent fighter, Holman Williams, who interested him in boxing. Then a former classmate who had won a state crown, eased him into coming to Detroit's East Side Gym. Joe was off and on his way to boxing fame.

Will any of us ever forget the night that Louis, after losing to Max Schmeling, came back to annihilate Schmeling in the very first round to become the hero of his race and of all free mankind by proving to the world the idiocy of the claim of "aryan" supremacy advanced by Hitler. Will we ever forget Joe's service to his country in World War II? Will we ever forget Joe's many homilies and quotes? Recall his answer to questions on Billy Conn's ability to survive against him? ("He can run but he can't hide.") And the most famous remark of all, when he quietly and surely predicted our victory because God was on our side.

On this, his birthday, we can only be proud to call Joe a friend and look forward to the many years that we can share with him being with us all. He is currently recuperating from an operation and we know that with his fortitude he will soon be back greeting his many friends in Las Vegas, his home town.

BACK in 1977, when the United States Boxing Championships were halted after six telecasts were broadcast, both the ABC and Don King attempted to dump the responsibility into the lap of *The Ring*. Great care was taken not to mention all of the irregularities occasioned by the Don King organization and threats by ABC to King about possible suspension because of constant problems. When the fateful suspension came, only *The Ring* became the whipping boy.

Recently the Federal Communications Commision admonished the ABC network for negligence and carelessness in misleading the public in their promoting of the series of 1977 broadcasts ad the "U.S. Boxing Championships". The commission said that ABC Sports was negligent in not investigating more quickly "rumors, allegations, information and incidents which occured before and throughout the tournament" regarding the accuracy of *Ring* magazine ratings and alleged involvement of personnel of Don King Productions in kickbacks or booking fees.

In a concurring separate opinion, Commissioner Tyrone Brown chided the agency as having relied on the other investigative reports without having conducted its own interviews, and thus perhaps having dealt unfairly with King and the boxing magazine. "Under the circumstances," he wrote, "I wish to emphasize that the commission's letter of admonition is not intended to reflect on any individual or organization other than ABC Inc."

As *The Ring* stated at the time of the tournament suspension, *The Ring* was not the villain of the play.

IN recent years, Madison Square Garden, long the mecca of boxing and for a long time in control of the boxing world, lost a good part of its glamour and power when the United Sates Supreme Court upheld, in 1960, a lower court decision made three years earlier that it had violated the Sherman Act by conspiring to monopolize championship fights throughout the country.

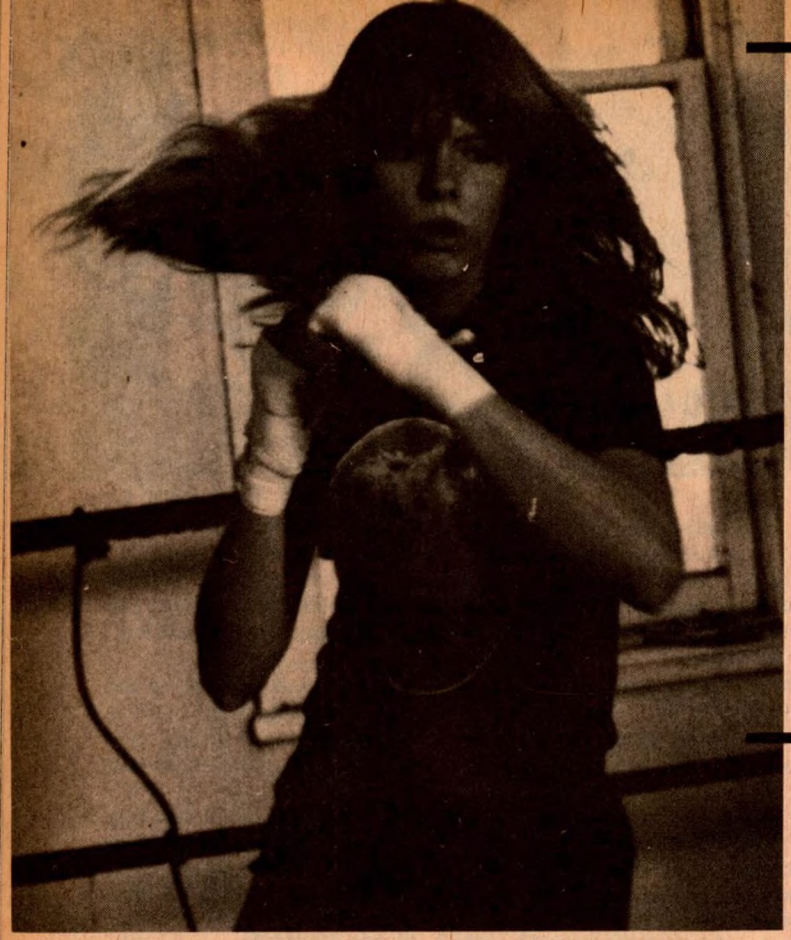
According to our information, these restraints have been eased and the Garden will be enabled to compete on a more favorable basis with Don King and Bob Arum's "Top Rank," to mention a few, who have held sway over the "big fights" and the lucrative television bonanza of recent years.

As we now understand the easement under which the Garden can operate, it will be able to "enter into a contract with a professional boxer for the promotion of up to four boxing contests within a one year period provided that no more than three of such contests are championship contests".

It would seem that this will enable the Garden to once again enter the big time lists and become more of a competitive force in world boxing.

This will still leave the Garden in the unfortunate situation of promoting in New York City, as television refuses to black out the New York area, since it is one of the most financially productive. This means that to regain its former standing in boxing, the Garden will be forced to promote with other promoters outside of New York in areas where video can black out a small area and still telecast to the remainder of the U.S., as well as to foreign countries.

It has always been the attitude of *The Ring* that the more promotional work going on in boxing, the better for the fans, the fighters, and for boxing itself. The resurgence now occuring in boxing points to a health in the sprot that has not been seen in many years.



(Above) "Cat" goes through some shadow boxing. She trains six days out of every week. (Below) Cathy "Cat" Davis, New Orleans, La., women's world lightweight champion.

"CAT" DAVIS, WOMAN BOXER, COULD BE START OF A NEW BREED

By SAL ALGIERI

Sitting at the head table at a Sports Day at the Tamiment Resort, in Pa. were a few of boxings greats. Willie Pep, ex-feather champ considered by most the best fighter ever—Rocky Graziano, former World middleweight champ, one of the hardest punchers in boxing—Joe Walcott, former heavy weight champ—they were talking boxing, but it wasn't about the good old days or their fights; it wasn't even about most of today's fighters—it was about a person they had just witnessed on film. They were really impressed. Rocky couldn't believe what he had just seen—Joe Walcott was amazed—Willie had seen the film before, as he was the ref. These three greats all agreed this boxer has to be rated as one of the best in the business today, bar none—but the greatest of her kind. These former greats were talking about the world women's lightweight champ, Cathy "Cat" Davis. Cat is truly in a class by her self. She has the boxing ability of Willie Pep and the punch of Graziano.

Cat has been boxing eighteen months or more. She got interested in boxing while fencing. (She's top fencer and former New Orleans women's fencing champ.) Cat is a complete athlete. She swims, runs track, plays basketball. Cat is from New Orleans. She left there for New York for better fencing, but when she got to New York she wanted to box for exercise. So she called me, Sal Algieri, and asked if I would teach her boxing. When I received the call I said NO. I had seen a couple of girls fight in Conn. and thought they were hopeless. Cat called me a male chauv and then proceeded to get me to at least talk to her. So I drove to her place, with the picture of a woman, built like a tank and ugly. I got to her place. Out comes this tall beautiful blonde. I was sure she must have been a friend of Cat's, but I was surprised. She introduced herself. It took me a good five minutes to believe my eyes. My mouth was hanging open.

I said, you don't want to box. She said, she sure did. My next remark was your beautiful, let's go to dinner. "No, I want you to teach me boxing." Well, how could I refuse?

She showed up at my gym the next day in Hopewell Junction, NY. I started her on the heavy bag with a left hand. Was I taken. She had a beautiful left—so I worked with her for better than four months. Then I asked her if she wanted to box an exhibition. She said yes, so we took one in Portland against a girl that had been boxing more than a year. Cat got a bloody nose. That was the first

Cathy leads a normal female life. She loves animals, classical music, and opera. She's also a top fencer, a former New Orleans fencing champion.

Cat's a complete athlete. She swims, runs track, and plays basketball. She's been fighting less than two years, but her record is 11-0-with ten knockouts.

and only time. She looked great, so I put her in another exhibition in Beacon, NY.

I contacted the promoter in Portland, Maine, Pete Ricitelli. He put her in against Jean Silver. Cat KO'd her in three rounds. I asked the promoter and the Maine Commission to let her box for the lightweight title. They agreed but said she would have to fight a Bobbi Sheen from Pa., who they knew to have been undefeated. We agreed. Cat KO'd her in two rounds, and became champ.

She won three more by KO from here to the West Coast, when I was notified by the Women's Boxing Federation, that in order for them to recognize her as the champion she would have to fight Nicky Hanson. We agreed. She fought Hanson in Seattle on June 29th. KO'd her in two rounds, and thus became world recognized. She was presented a four foot high trophy and she says she will never lose it. Her record now is eleven wins (no loses), ten by KO.

I called Al Braverman and asked if he could use her in any shows. He invited us to his office, which was a start for us. We met with Al and Don King. They agreed they wanted to see Cat in Action, so a gym workout was set. Al Braverman and Don King were impressed.

Cat is in great demand and receives fan mail from all over the world. We have received offers to fight men and female wrestlers, but Al has turned them down, as we want only legit fights against females.

Sam Silverman, the late promoter, was not impressed, but agreed to try her once. He saw her KO a girl for his show in Portland, and said she was great, that she can lick 90 percent of the males around today. He contacted Al and myself for Cat to return to Portland. Sam flew a girl in from Arizona, put her up in a hotel and had her work out in Portland. Cat KO'd the girl in three rounds. Cat has boxed in N.Y., New Jersey, Las Vegas, Alaska, Washington, Maine Conn., and Rhode Island.

Cathy is a college girl, with two semesters to go for her degree in drama and communications. She trains six days a week and also goes and works out fencing three days and makes good use of the European Health Spa. Many men who read this will get the impression that this is some kind of tough chick. Cat is very strong minded and leads a normal female life. She has many hobbies; loves opera, classical music, and animals.

We enjoy helping any promoter, any place, to keep boxing going. We help with advance publicity or whatever is needed to push the card.

We do a lot of charity work and do personal appearances for different groups.

Guy LeBow, a great sportscaster, saw Cat on film and did a personal interview. He says she's better than Ali and prettier to look at, but she is a women first and boxer second.

When we go into a new gym to work out in, the male fighters take a real hard look, as if its going to be a joke, but after they watch Cat, they all offer tips to her because they realize she is a good fighter, and very serious. Our newest gym is John Rice's in Stamford, Connecticut. John, after seeing Cat, has stated that she is one of the best boxers he has seen in the last thirty years. John gets calls at the gym wanting to know when people can come and watch

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VORASING UPSETS CASTILLO

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

BANGKOK, THAILAND—Fast-rising Thai Netrnoi Sor Vorasing, a twenty-one year old hopeful, became the new WBC junior flyweight champion, as he defeated Mexico's Freddy Castillo by a unanimous decision in fifteen upset rounds. It was Castillo's first defense, since he had annexed the crown with a surprising fourteenth round knockout over Luis (Lumumba) Estaba in Caracas. The huge crowd welcomed the new titlist at the open air Army Stadium. Referee Rudy Jordan, of the U.S., gave his vote 145-142 to Netrnoi, while Thai judge Sakda Permkwandee and Mexican judge Jose Maria had it 150-141 and 147-146 each in the Thai challenger's favor.

In round two, Netrnoi opened a bad cut over the right eyebrow of Castillo, who had been a heavy favorite. The gash, caused by Netrnoi's furious opening attack, annoyed the defending champ thereafter. The twenty-two year old Castillo of Merida found Netrnoi tougher and stronger than he had thought. By the end of the eighth round, they fought almost evenly, although Netrnoi tried to press the action.

The Thai battler turned very aggressive for four rounds from the ninth session, as he had Castillo backpedaling with a volley of solid punches. Netrnoi shook him up time and again to make certain that he would gain the crown. The Mexican attempted to turn the

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(Above, left) Freddy Castillo lands a left on Netrnoi Sor Vorasing's nose. Vorasing took Freddy's WBC world junior flyweight title by unanimous decision. (Above) Castillo has slipped to the canvas in the fifth round. Referee Rudy Jordan moves the challenger away.

CERVANTES KEEPS WBA JR. WELTER CROWN BY KO

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

UDon THANI, THAILAND—Columbia's WBA junior welterweight champion, Antonio (Kid Pambele) Cervantes, successfully kept his title as he impressively knocked out Tongta Kiatvayupakdi, a lefty local favorite, in 2:40 of the sixth round of a scheduled fifteen rounder before 15,000 fans in the provincial capital, 315 miles north of Bangkok.

From the start, Cervantes showed his ring experience and was a clear aggressor. He utilized his longer reach to pile up points steadily. Up to the knockout, Venezuelan referee Jesus Celis scored the lopsided game 50-47, Mexico's Ernesto Magana and another judge, Sakda Permkwamdee, tabbed it 50-45 and 49-48, respectively, all in favor of Kid Pambele.

Cervantes had regained the WBA version of the title by stopping Carlos Gimenez, Argentina, in six rounds in Maracaibo Columbia on June 25 of last year.

It was the second time that Antonio had come to the Far East to defend his title. He had demolished Shinichi Kadota in eight furious rounds in Tokyo, Japan, on October 26, 1974.

Cervantes, having fought in ninety-two bouts during his fourteen year career, proved too ringwise and strong for Tongta, who was unable to land his vaunted lefts on the up-

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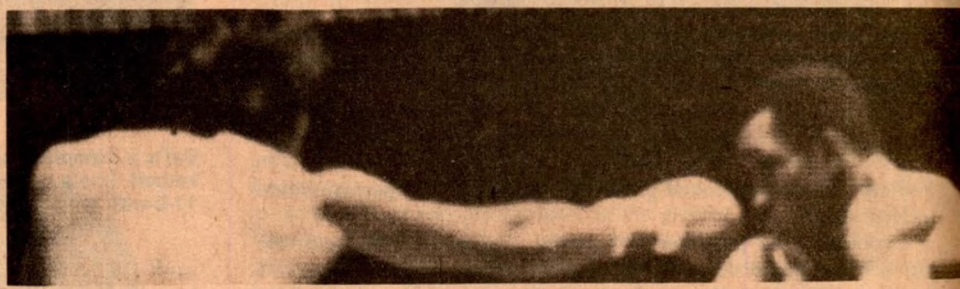
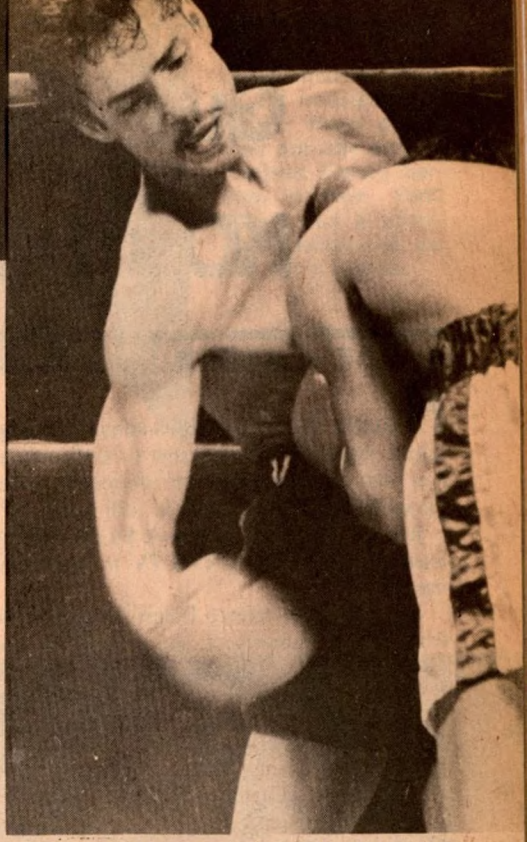


(Above) Challenger Tongta Kiatvayupakdi shoots a right at WBA world junior welterweight champion Antonio Cervantes. Cervantes kayoed Kiatvayupakdi at 2:40 of round six. (Left) A Cervantes left lands flush on his opponent's ear.

Arguello Knocks Out Tam To Retain Title



WBC world junior lightweight champion Alexis Arguello comes up with a right to challenger Rey Tam of the Philippines. Alexis stopped Rey in the fifth.

By DON FRASER

INGLEWOOD—Alexis Arguello turned in another impressive performance when he stopped previously unbeaten Rey Tam of the Philippines in the fifth round to retain his World Boxing Council superfeatherweight championship at the Forum.

A crowd estimated at 1,500, and millions watching on national television, were deprived of seeing a more dramatic ending when Tam threw up his hands in surrender and walked away at the 1:54 of the fifth round.

"He got hurt," said referee Rudy Jordan. "Rather than go down, he just walked away."

Tam, a twenty-seven-year-old southpaw who holds the Oriental title, undoubtedly made a wise decision by quitting when he did. He had been nailed by a jarring left-right combination to the head moments earlier and was being hammered relentlessly when he elected to finish on his feet.

Later, the fourth-ranked challenger complained of having received a charley horse as a result of a blow to the hip at the end of the third round.

"The punch was in the body," Arguello said.

Regardless, it wasn't a charley horse that beat the stocky six-year veteran who had won twenty-five in a row before encountering a champion many consider one of the best in featherweight history.

Arguello, 129½, threw a shutout, winning every round with his sharper, crisper blows. However, Tam, 130, usually was more aggressive but less effective.

Tam, who was making his U.S. debut, was durable, if not a threat against the champion. But Arguello exercised caution throughout most of the scheduled fifteen-rounder, scoring with single blows here and

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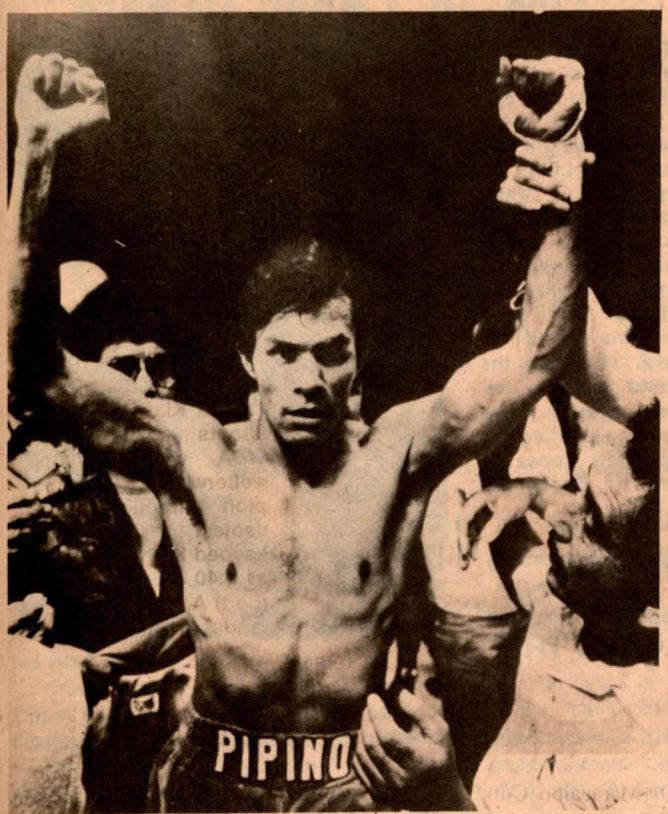

World Boxing Association welterweight champion Jose "Pipino" Cuevas holds up his hands after it's announced that Billy Backus will not be allowed to answer the bell for the second round. It was decisioned a first round knockout victory for Cuevas.

Pipino Butchers Billy Backus

By JOHN ORT

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Jose Cuevas, Mexico, retained his WBA welterweight title with a one-round knockout over former champion Billy Backus, Syracuse, N.Y.

This was Cuevas' sixth defense of the title, he won from Angel Espada on July 17, 1976 in Mexicali, Mexico. He had defended against: Espada, in a return, Miguel Campanino, Shoji Tsujimoto, Clyde Gray, and Harold Weston.

Backus won and lost the world title to Jose Napoles in 1970. Billy had won ten of his last eleven bouts. His last defeat was to now WBC junior middleweight king Rocky Mattioli in 1975. Billy was stopped in five.

The Cuevas-Backus fight was a one-sided affair with Jose coming out smoking. Cuevas landed a hard right to the right eye of Backus early in the round.

Billy stayed on his feet, but he was hurt. He never got over this blow. The champ, seeing this, tried to blow Billy out. Jose tagged the ex-champ with a left hook to the right eye. Down Backus went for the eight-count. He got up at four holding his right eye with his right glove.

The champ stayed on the attack for the rest of the round, hurting Billy a few more times, but the ex-king of the welters held on until

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Gushiken KO's Rios

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

HIROSHIMA, JAPAN—Southpaw champion Yoko Gushiken, Japan, swarmed over Panama's ex-champ Jaime Rios, pummeling him into submission in the thirteenth round, to keep his WBA junior flyweight crown for the fifth time.

It was a total war, witnessed by the cheering crowd of 8,000 and telecast nationwide by TBS-TV from Hiroshima Prefectural Gymnasium.

After Mexican referee Ernest Magama called a halt to save Rios from further punishment, the groggy Panamanian collapsed in his own corner. The time was 2:59. However, winner Gushiken's eyes were considerably puffed due to Rios' light but fast punches up to the stoppage. By the end of the twelfth session, the third man scored the hard-fought affair 119-110, while judges Rodolfo Hill of Panama and Japanese Yusaku Yoshida saw it 116-115 and 119-113, respectivley, all in Gushiken's favor.

Unbeaten Gushiken, a twenty-two year old youngster from Okinawa, registered his fourteenth win, scoring his ninth knockout.

In round seven, Gushiken's sharp combination dropped the footworker on the seat of his pants for the mandatory eight count. But

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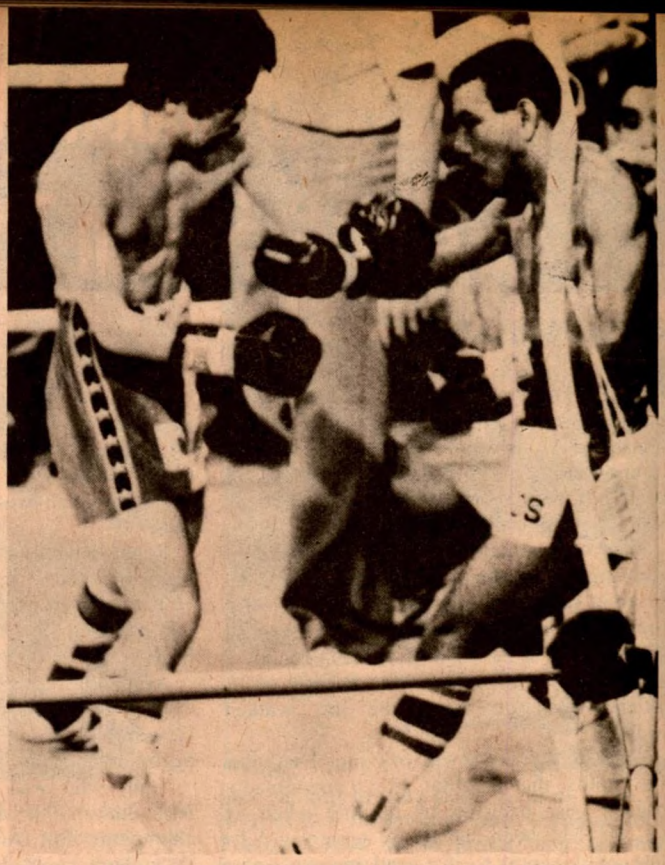
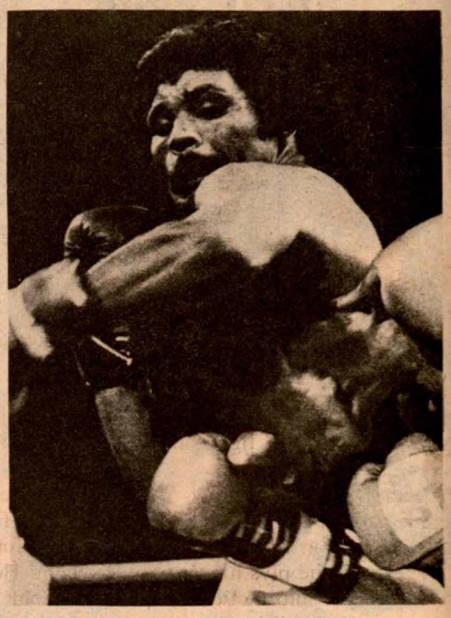


WBA world junior flyweight champion Yoko Gushiken of Japan has challenger Jaime Rios, Panama, on the ropes during their title bout in Hiroshima. Gushiken retained his crown, kayoing Rios in the thirteenth round.



(Left) Alvaro (Yaqui) Lopez and Victor Galindez at the end of their WBA world light heavyweight title fight in Lido di Camaiore, Italy. Galindez retained his crown with a unanimous, but close, decision. (Right) A Galindez left goes over the head of Lopez. This was the second meeting between these two fighters. Galindez had outpointed Lopez in Rome on September 17, 1977.

GALINDEZ EDGES LOPEZ

By JACK A. TREE

LIDO DI CAMAIORE, ITALY—WBA light heavyweight king Victor Galindez, Argentina, outpointed Stockton's Alvaro "Yaqui" Lopez over fifteen rounds.

This was Galindez's tenth defense of his WBA title, won on Dec. 7, 1974, with a thirteenth round TKO over Len Hutchins in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He had previously retained the title against Pierre Fourie (twice), Jorge Ahumada, Harold Skog, Richie Kates (twice), Kosie Smith, Eddie Gregory and Lopez.

Victor hasn't been a ball of fire in his last two outings, Gregory and now Lopez. He won a close decision over Gregory last year and in this bout with Lopez, many felt the American should have gone home with the title.

For Lopez this was his third try at a light heavy title. He was outpointed by England's John Conteh on Oct. 9, 1976 over fifteen rounds, in Copenhagen, for the WBC crown. He boxed Galindez for the first time, Sept.

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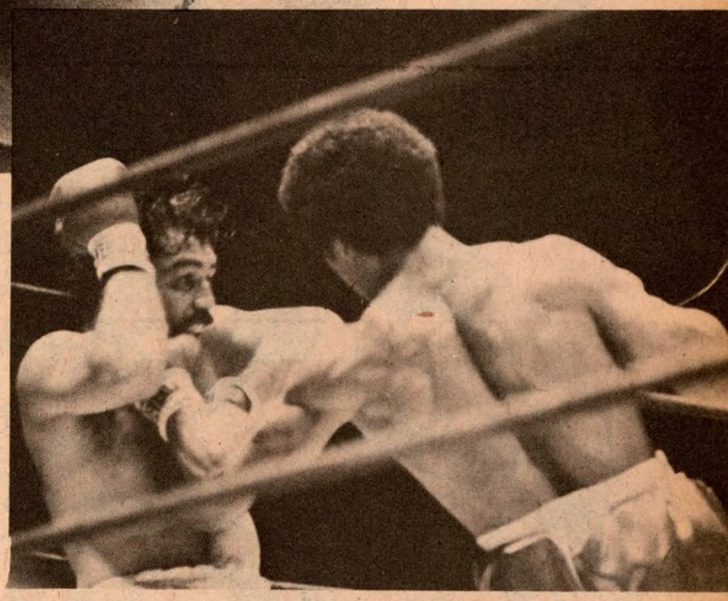
World lightweight champion Roberto Duran sends a punch to the midsection of Adolfo Viruet during their non-title bout at Madison Square Garden in New York. Duran won a unanimous decision at the end of ten rounds.



DURAN SWARMS OVER ADOLFO VIRUET AT MSG

By NAT LOUBET

Madison Square Garden in New York played host to 17,125 who paid $275,366 to see Roberto Duran of Panama, the lightweight champion of the world, prove that he is one of the best fighting machines in the world and that he did in convincing style as he won a unanimous ten round decision over Adolfo Viruet of the Bronx, New York, in a non title bout. It was the largest garden gate for a non-title fight since Ali met Joe Frazier in that arena in 1974.

Both Duran and Viruet are twenty-six years old, but there the simile stops. As fighters, they are as different as mustard and ketchup. Duran is a two-fisted destructive force who brooks no interference as he plys his trade of mayhem. He is ferocity to infinity and once put into motion, he knows no halt until his night's work has been accomplished.

Viruet, reputed to be a hard socking southpaw who could give Duran trouble because he would slug it out with the champ, evidently had a change of heart in his meeting with Duran because he looked more like a long distance runner than a slugger. It was evident that his brother, Edwin, two time loser to Duran, had attempted to alter Adolfo's style, and in that he was successful. The Viruet whom Garden fans watched pawed at his onrushing opponent and then withdrew and danced away to live another day. In a few instances he stooped to slug it out toe to toe with Duran but

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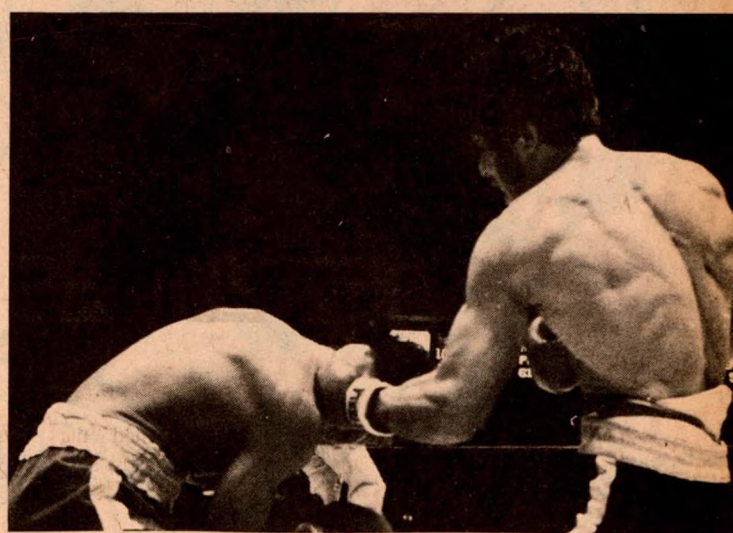
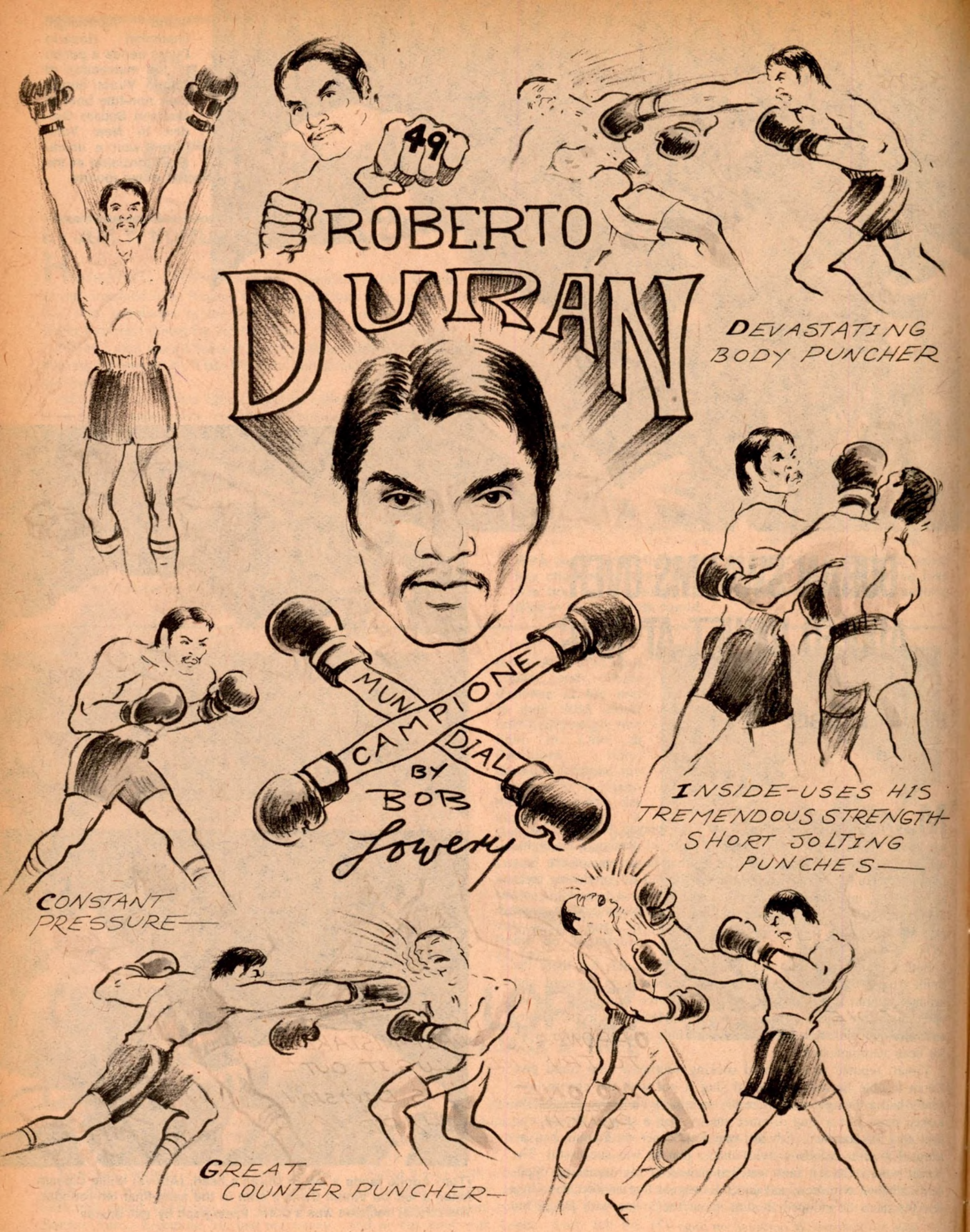


(Top) Adolfo lands a left to Duran's head. (Above) Willie Classin lands a left on Vinnie Curto's chin in the semi-final ten-rounder. The official decision was a draw. Photograph by Ben Sharav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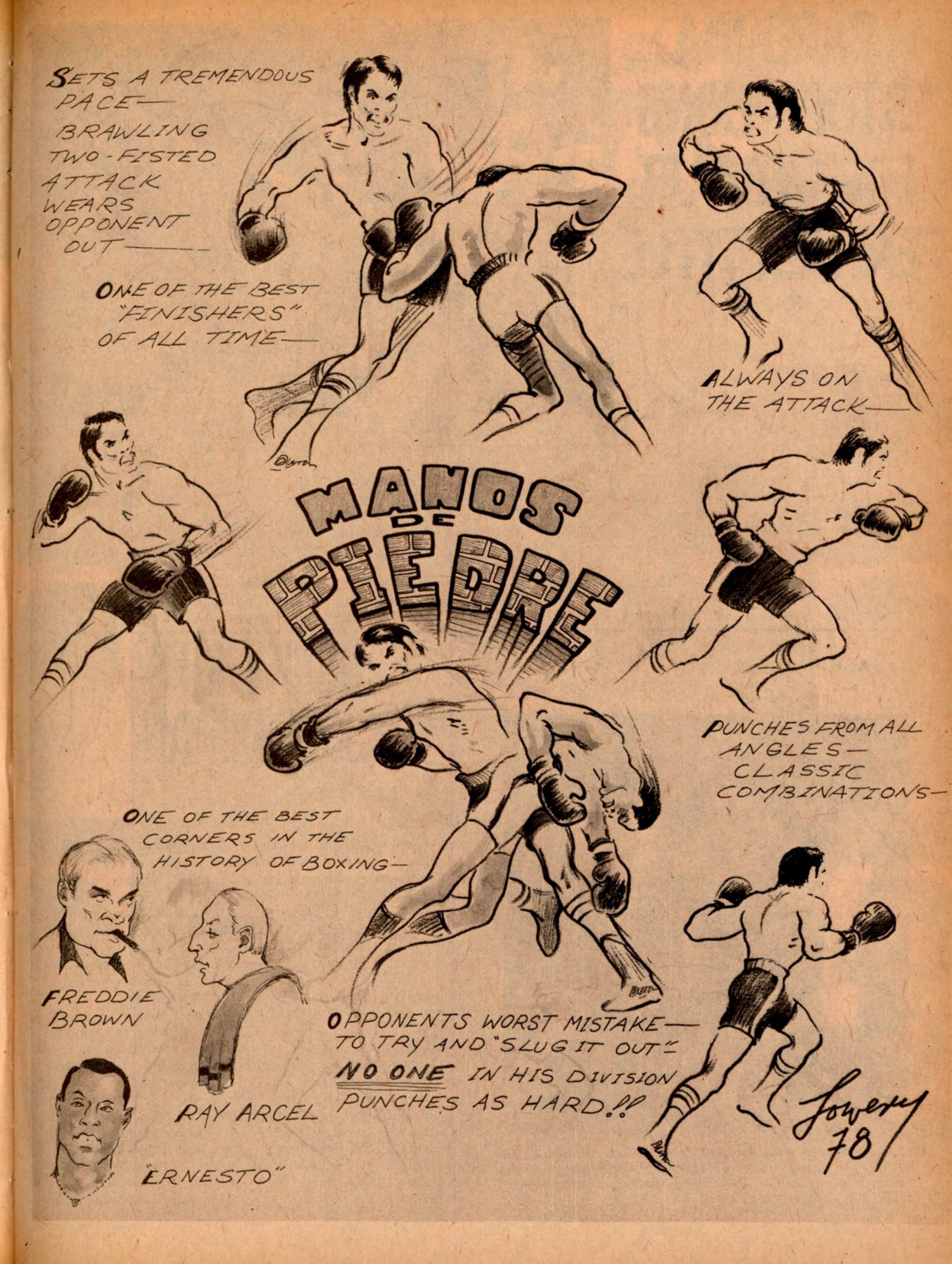
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CARDONA STOPS HONG FOR WBA JR. FEATHER TITLE

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

Ricardo Cardona holds his trophy after winning the WBA world junior featherweight championship with an eleventh round TKO of Hong Soo-Hwan in Seoul, Korea.

SEOUL, KOREA—Underheralded Ricardo Cardona of Columbia captured the WBA junior featherweight crown by halting Hong Soo-Hwan in eleven gory rounds of their fifteen round title contest. Veteran Hong, twenty-nine had a tough time coping with the younger newcomer. The Korean had gained the newly established WBA title in three give-and-take rounds of an elimanator with Hector Carrasquilla, Panama, last November.

In the fourth round, Cardona scored well with a wicked left that dropped Soo-Hwan on the deck for the compulsory eight count.

Hong tried to outmaneuver the aggressive challenger, but the power and youth of Cardona became too much for the fading champ as the fight progressed. In the eleventh round, Hong began to bleed too profusely to go on.

The Korean champ was battered all the way by Cardona, who gave him a barrage of strong lefts and rights to prevent him from moving with his back to the ropes. At 1:23 of the fatal session, U.S. referee Tony Perez wisely declared a halt and raised the aggressive Cardona's hand.

Hong's reign seemed stable for awhile after his fine defense against Japan's Yu Kasahara, with five knockdowns, in Tokyo three months ago. However, Cardona's strong punching overwhelmed Hong's superior experience.

ROCKY KO'S JOSE DURAN

By JACK A. TREE

WBC world junior middleweight champion Rocky Mattioli of Australia, right, forces challenger Jose Duran of Spain back onto the ropes during their title bout in Pescara, Italy. Mattioli kept his crown with a fifth round knockout.

PESCARA, ITALY—Italy's Rocky Mattioli, 154, defeated former WBA junior middle king Jose Duran, Spain, via a kayo in the fifth round in their WBC junior middleweight title bout.

Mattioli, who was born in Pescara, moved to Australia, where he started his pro career March 9, 1970, in Melbourne, with a two round kayo over Tony Salta. His first thirty-seven bouts were all in the south pacific. He first boxed in Milan on May 9, 1975. Rocky kayoed Chris Fernandez in four. He went back to Australia after another win in Milan and beat Canadian Fernand Marcotte and the lost to New York's Harold Weston before returning to Milan, where he stopped Jorgen Hansen on October 24, 1975.

Rocky won the WBC title from Germany's Eckhardt Dagge on Aug. 6, 1977 with a five round knockout in Berlin. This win over Duran was his second defense of the crown. He had earlier, gone to Australia and stopped former WBC champ Elisha Obed, Bahamas, in seven rounds.

Duran was the WBA champion from May 18, 1976, when he kayoed Japan's Koichi Wajima in Tokyo in fourteenth round. He lost the crown to Miguel Castellini, Argentina, on Oct. 8, 1976 in Madrid on a fifteen round decision. The Mattioli bout was his second tried for the WBC title. He lost to Brazil's Miguel de Oliviera, in Monte Carlo, on May 7, 1975, via a fifteen round decision.

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RING RATES LATIN GREATS

By John Ort

The Ring staff had to pick from over sixty Latin champions and claimants to come up with their top twenty Latin champions of all-time.

Some of the men are still active today. While others hung up the gloves many years ago. The ones who made the list are: Carlos Monzon, Roberto Duran, Jose Napoles, Kid Chocolate, Eder Jofre, Sixto Escobar, Panama Al Brown, Kid Gavilan, Pascual Perez, Ruben Olivares, Carlos Ortiz, Carlos Zarate, Antonio Cervantes, Nicolino Loche, Miguel Canto, Vicente Saldivar, Ismael Laguna, Esteban DeJesus, Ernesto Marcel, and Jose Torres.

Others, who were high on the list but didn't make the top twenty: Baltazar Sangchili, Bantamweight Spain, Manuel Ortiz, Bantamweight, Mexico; Jose Becerra, Mexican Bantam, Enrique Pinker, Bantamweight, Panama, Efren Torres, Flyweight, Mexico; Carlos Hernandez, Jr. Welter, Venezuela, Alfredo Marcano, Jr. Light, Venezuela, Jose Duran, Jr. Middle, Spain, Miguel A. Castellini, Jr. Middle, Argentina, and Eddie Gazo, Jr. Middle, Nicaragua.

The list goes on with: Angel Espada, Welterweight, Puerto Rico, Luis Estaba, Jr. Fly, Venezuela, Luis Rodriguez, Welter, Cuba, Benny Paret, also Cuba, Welter, Carlos Palomino, Mexico, Welter, Lauro Salas, Lightweight, Mexico, Jose Cuevas, Mexican Welter, Carlos Cruz, Dominican Rep, Lightweight, Jose Legra, Cuba, Featherweight, Victor Galindez, Light Heavy, Argentina, Alexis Arguello, Nicaragua, Jr. Light and Feather, Sugar Ramos, Mexico, Featherweight and Juan Zurita, Mexico, Lightweight.

Now then the Ring's top twenty Latin world champions:

1—CARLOS MONZON

Born: Aug. 7, 1942, Sante Fe, Argentina
Title — World Middleweight Champion
Won title — Nov. 7, 1970, from Nino Benvenuti, via kayo in twelve, Rome, Italy.
Title defenses — 14 — Emile Griffith (twice), Rodrigo Valdex (twice), Denny Moyer, Jean-Claude Bouttier (twice), Gratien Tonna, Tony Licata, Tony Mundine, Jose Napoles, Bennie Briscoe, Tom Bogs, Nino Benvenuti.
Lost title — Retired undefeated on Aug. 29, 1977.

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
102	61	28	0	9	3	0	0	1	0

2—ROBERTO DURAN

Born: June 16, 1951, Panama City, Panama
Title — World Lightweight Champion
Won title — June 26, 1972, from Ken Buchanan, via kayo in 13th, in Madison Sq. Garden, New York City, N.Y.
Title defenses — 12 — Esteban DeJesus (twice), Jimmy Robertson, Hector Thompson, Ishimatsu Suzuki, Masataka Takayama, Ray Lampkin, Leonico Ortiz, Lou Bizzarro, Alvaro Rojas, Vilomar Fernandez, Edwin Viruet.
Lost title — Still active and champion

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
63	49	13	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

2—JOSE NAPOLES

Born: April 13, 1940, Santiago de Cuba
Title — World Welterweight Champion
Won title — April 18, 1969, from Curtis Cokes, via kayo in 13th, in Los Angeles, Calif. Won title second time from Billy Backus on June 4, 1971, at Los Angles, Calif.
Title defenses — 13 — Armando Muniz (twice), Hedgemon Lewis (twice), Curtis Cokes, Emile Griffith, Ernie Lopez (twice), Ralph Charles, Adolph Pruitt, Roger Menetrey, Clyde Gray, Horacio Saldano.
Lost title — Defeated by Billy Backus, Dec. 3, 1970, Syracuse, N.Y., stopped in four. Lost crown for second time to England's John Stracey, Dec. 6, 1975, Mexico City, kayoed in six. Retired after Stracey bout.

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
84	54	21	1	0	4	0	4	0	0

4—KID CHOCOLATE

Born: Jan. 6, 1910, Cerro, Cuba
Titles — World Featherweight & Junior Lightweight Champion
Won titles — July 15, 1931, won the Junior Lightweight crown, via 7th round knockout over Benny Bass, in Philadelphia, Pa. Won the Featherweight title, via 12 round kayo over Lew Feldman, in New York City, N.Y., on Oct. 13, 1932.
Title defenses — 2 — Seaman Watson and Fidel LaBarba.
Lost titles — To Frankie Klick, in Philadelphia, Pa. on Dec. 26, 1933, via kayo in seven. Junior Light title. He gave up the Featherweight crown soon after, couldn't make the weight. Retired from the ring Jan. 1939.

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
161	64	81	0	6	8	0	2	0	0

5—EDER JOFRE

Born: March 26, 1936, Sao Paulo, Brazil
Titles — World and NBA Bantamweight and WBA Featherweight Champion
Won titles — Won the NBA title on Nov. 18, 1960, kayoing Eloy Sanchez in 6, at Los Angeles, Calif. Won the world title on Mar. 25, 1961, via 10 round kayo over Italy's Piero Rolle, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Won the WBA Feather title on May 5, 1973, outpointing Jose Legra, Cuba, in 15, at Brasilia, Brazil.
Title Defenses — 7 — Bantamweight, 6; Featherweight, 1.

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
75	48	21	0	4	2	0	0	0	0

6—SIXTO ESCOBAR

Titles — N.B.A. Bantamweight King — Three Times.
Won titles — First time on June 26, 1934, from Baby Casanova. Second time, Nov. 15, 1935, from Lou Salica. Third time from Harry Jeffra, Feb. 20, 1938.
Title defenses — 5 —
Lost titles — First time to Lou Salica, via 15 round nod on Aug. 26, 1935; second time to Harry Jeffra. Sept. 23. 1937. via 15 round decision at New York City. N.Y. give up the title on Oct. 4, 1939. couldn't make weight. Retired Dec. 1940.

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
64	21	21	0	4	18	0	0	0	0

7—PANAMA AL BROWN

Born: July 5, 1902, Panama City, Panama
Title — World Bantamweight Champion
Won title — on June 18, 1929, with a 15 round nod over Vidal Gregorio, in New York City, N.Y.
Title defenses — 10
Lost title — On June 1st, 1935, via 15 round decision to Baltazar Sangchilli, in Valencia, Spain. Retired Oct. 1942. Died April 11, 1951, in New York, N.Y., buried in Panama.

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
154	57	62	3	12	15	2	1	2	0

8—KID GAVILAN

Born: January 6, 1926, Camaguey, Cuba
Title — World Welterweight Champion
Won title — On Aug. 29, 1951, with a 15 round nod over Billy Graham, in New York City, N.Y.
Title defenses — 6 — Bobby Dykes, Gil Turner, Billy Graham, Chuck Davey, Carman Basilio and Johnny Bratton.
Lost title — On Oct. 20, 1954, via 15 round decision to Johnny Saxton, in Philadelphia, Pa. Retired from the rubg ib Sept. 11, 1958.

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
143	27	79	0	6	30	0	0	0	1

9—PASCUAL PEREZ

Born: March 4, 1926, Tupingate, Mendoza, Argentina
(Note — Olympic Flyweight Champion in the London 1948 games)
Title — World Flyweight Champion
Won title — On Nov. 26, 1954, via 15 round nod over Japan's Yoshio Shirai, in Tokyo, Japan.
Title defenses — 16
Lost title — On April 16, 1960, to Pone Kingpetch, via 15 round decision in Bangkok, Thailand. Retired April 11, 1963.

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
91	56	27	0	1	4	0	3	0	0

9—RUBEN OLIVARES

Born: Jan. 14, 1947, Mexico City, Mexico
Titles — World Bantamweight king & WBA & WBC Featherweight Champion.
Won titles — World Bantam title won on Aug. 22, 1969, from Lionel Rose, Australia, via Kayo. Won the title second time from Chuchu Castillo, on April 3, 1971, both times in Los Angeles, Calif.
Lost titles — Bantamweight to Chucho Castillo on Oct. 16, 1970, in Los Angeles, Calif., via 14th round kayo. second time to Rafael Herrera, March 19, 1972, Mexico City, Mexico, via kayo in eleven.

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
91	72	9	0	1	3	0	6	0	0

11—CARLOS ORTIZ

Born: Sept. 9, 1936, Ponce, Puerto Rico
Titles — Two time World Lightweight and one time Junior Welter Champion.
Won titles — Won World Junior Welter crown on June 12, 1959, with a two round knockout over Kenny Lane, in New York, N.Y. Won the Lightweight title first time on April 21, 1962, via 15 round nod over Joe Brown, second time he regained the Light title from Ismael Laguna, on Nov. 13, 1965, in San Juan, Puerto Rico.
Lost titles — Junior Welter crown to Dulio Loi, in Milan, Italy, on Sept. 1, 1960. Lightweight title first time to Ismael Laguna, in Panama City, on April 10. 1965. Second time to Carlos Cruz, on June 29, 1968, in Santo Domingo

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
70	29	32	0	1	6	0	1	1	0

12—CARLOS ZARATE

Born: 1951, Mexico.
Title — WBC Bantamweight Champion
Won title — On May 8, 1976, with a nine round kayo over Rodolfo Martinez, in Los Angeles, Calif.
Title defenses — 7 — Paul Ferreri, Waruniga Nakayama, Fernand Cabanela, Danilo Batista, Juan Rodriguez, Alberto Davila and Andres Hernandez.
Lost title — Still active and champion.

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
52	51	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

13—ANTONIO CERVANTES

Born: December 23, 1945, San Basilio de Palenque, Colombia
Titles — World and Junior Welterweight King
Won titles — On Oct. 28, 1972 from Alfonso Fraser, in Panama City, via kayo in ten. Won the vacant WBA title on June 25, 1977, in Maracaibo, Venzuela, with a six round kayo over Argentina's Carlos Giminez.
Title defenses — World 10, WBA 2.
Lost titles — Defeated by Wilfred Benitez in 15 rounds, on March 6, 1976, in San Juan, Puerto Rico for the World title. Still active and WBA champion

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
93	38	43	0	3	8	0	1	0	0

14—MIGUEL CANTO

Born: January 30, 1949, Merida, Mexico
Title — World Flyweight Champion
Won title — On Jan. 8, 1975, with a 15 round nod over Japan's Shoji Oguma, for the vacant title.
Title defenses — Betulio Gonzalez (twice), Jiro Takada, Ignacio Espinal, Susumu Hanagata, Orlando Javierto, Reyes Arnal, Kimio Furesawa, Martin Vargas (twice) and Shoji Oguma (twice)
Lost title — Still active and World champion.

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
60	14	39	0	3	2	0	2	0	0

17—ISMAEL LAGUNA

Born: June 28, 1943, Colon, Panama
Titles — Twice World Lightweight Champion
Won titles — First time beat Carlos Ortiz, on April 10, 1965, via 15 round decision in Panama City. Second time, on March 3, 1970, kayoed Mando Ramos in nine, at Los Angeles, Calif.
Title defenses — 1 — Ishimatsu Suzuki
Lost title — First to Carlos Ortiz, on Nov. 13, 1965, at San Juan, Puerto Rico, via 15 round nod. Second time to Ken Buchanan, Scotland, Sept. 26, 1970, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on a 15 round decision. Retired Apr. 15, 1972.

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
74	36	28	0	1	9	0	0	0	0

18—ERNESTO MARCEL

Born: May 23, 1948, Colon, Panama
Title — WBA Featherweight Champion
Won title — On August 19, 1972, in Maracay, Venzuela, via 15 round nod over Venezuelian Antonio Gomez.
Title defenses — 4 — Enrique Garcia, Antonio Gomez, Alexis Arguello and Shigemitsu Nemoto.
Lost title — Retired undefeated WBA king on Feb. 16, 1974, after Arguello defense.

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
47	24	17	0	2	3	0	1	0	0

14—NICOLINO LOCHE

Born: September 2, 1929, Mendoza, Argentina
Title — World Junior Welterweight Champion
Won title — On Dec. 12, 1968, with a ten round knockout over Paul Fujii, in Tokyo, Japan.
Title defenses — 5 — Carlos Hernandez, Joao Henrique, Adolp Pruitt, Domingo Barrera and Antonio Cervantes.
Lost title — To Alfonso Fraser, on March 10, 1972, via 15 round decision, in Panama City. Retired in Aug., 1976.

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
136	14	104	0	14	3	0	1	0	0

16—VICENTE SALDIVAR

Born: May 3, 1943, Mexico City, Mexico
Titles — (Twice) World Featherweight Champion
Won titles — On Sept. 26, 1964, with a 12 round knockout over Sugar Ramos, in Mexico City. Regained the title on May 9, 1970, with a 15 round nod over Australia's Johnny Famechon, in Rome, Italy.
Lost title — Retired undefeated the first on Oct. 14, 1967. Lost the crown the second time to Japan's Kuniaki Shibata, via kayo in 13th, on Dec. 11, 1970, in Tijuana, Mexico. Retired Oct. 1973.

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
39	25	10	1	0	0	1	2	0	0

18—ESTEBAN deJESUS

Born: August 2, 1951, Carolino, Puerto Rico
Title — WBC Lightweight Champion
Won title — On May 8, 1976, via 15 round decision over Japan's Ishimatsu Suzuki, in San Juan, Puerto Rico.
Title defenses — 3 — Hector Medina, Vicente Saldivar, Buzzsaw Yamabe.
Lost title — On Jan. 21, 1978, to Roberto Duran, WBA and World Champin, via kayo in 12, at Los Vegas, Nev. Still active.

TB	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KOBY	ND	NC
55	29	22	0	0	2	0	2	0	0

20—JOSE TORRES

Born: May 3, 1936, Playa Ponce, Puerto Rico
Title — World Light Heavyweight Champion
Won title — On March 30, 1965, via nine round knockout over Willie Pastrano, in New York, N.Y.
Title defenses — 3 — Wayne Thornton, Eddie Cotton and Chic Calderwood.
Lost title — On Dec. 16, 1966, to Dick Tiger on a 15 round decision, at New York City, N.Y. Retired July 1969.

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LEONARD KO'S MILTON

By JOHN ORT

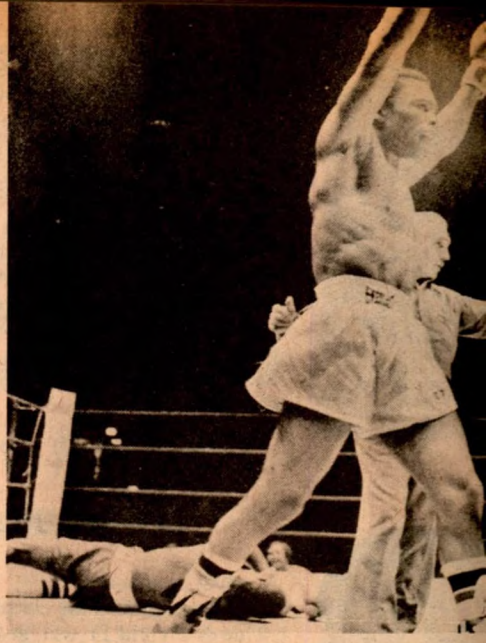
UTICA, NEW YORK—The Sugar Ray Leonard express to a world title fight remained on track with an eighth-round kayo over Randy Milton of Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Ray took charge from the opening bell and scored at will with fast combos to the head of the outclassed boxer.

Leonard opened up for real in the eighth and last round, decking Milton for the full count at 2:55. Referee Jimmy Devlin counted Randy out.

It was Leonard's fourth straight knockout this year, all over no-name opposition. His other ones were over Art McKnight, Javier Muniz, and Bobby Hayman. He was forced to go the distance—eight rounds—with Rocky Ramon.

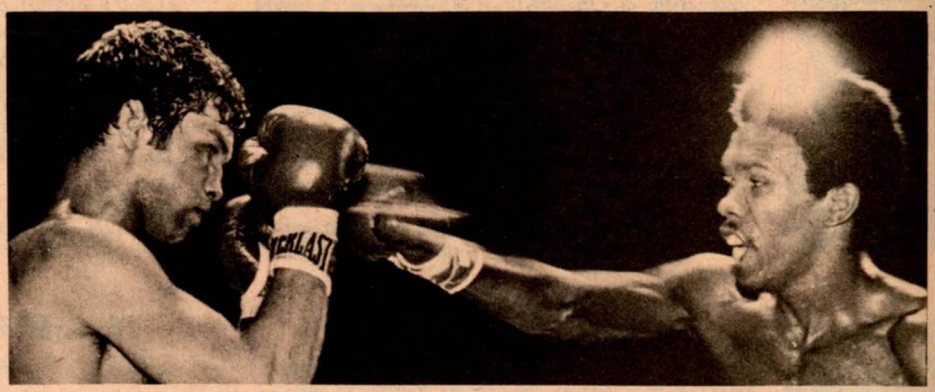
The Leonard show, with and without TV, goes on, with Rafael Rodriguez, Minneapolis, next in line, in Baltimore, Md.



Sugar Ray Leonard is led away from Randy Milton by referee Jimmy Devlin in the seventh round of their scheduled eight-round bout in Utica, New York. Devlin called the fight at 2:55 of the eighth.

DAVIS WINS CLOSE ONE WITH STANTON

By GEORGE CURCIO



Larry Stanton, left, and Howard Davis, Jr. battle it out during their ten-round lightweight bout at the Orlando Sports Stadium. Davis won a split decision.

ORLANDO, Fl.—Howard Davis Jr. played matador to Larry Stanton's bull cleverly enough to cop a ten-round split decision at the Orlando Sports Stadium in a bout nationally televised on CBS' Saturday afternoon "Sports Spectacular."

Davis totally convinced judges Tony Palermo and Frank Skilbred that he was in complete control throughout the bout, scoring victories on their cards by 98-92 and 99-92 margins respectively, while Bob Burns, apparently impressed with Stanton's unrelenting pursuit of Davis, gave Larry a 96-95 edge in the lightweight battle.

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HAGLER KAYOES FINNEGAN AGAIN

By "SAILOR" DON SAUER

MARVIN Hagler may not be the best 160-pounder in the business, but he sure has the number of Irish Kevin Finnegan of London. He stopped the plucky Englishman once again, in the seventh round of their slated ten round-confrontation at the Boston Garden before an estimated house of 5,500, and left everyone in shock. The fight ended abruptly after the close of round six, when Mickey Duff, who handles Finnegan's corner, called referee Dick Flaherty over and told him: "It is over." Finnegan was once again sliced around the left eye and according to Duff, "The cut was not improving—and his eyesight was impaired. There was not need of going any further." Up to that time the fight was about even, Hagler winning the first two rounds, the third and fourth about

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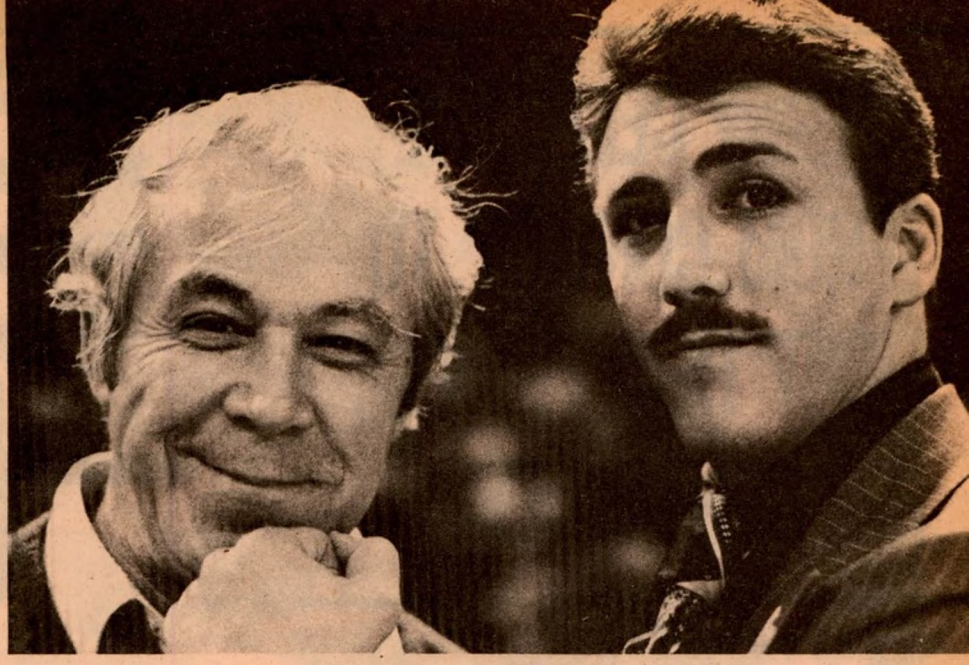
Marvelous Marvin Hagler lands a left hook on the nose of Kevin Finnegan in their rematch at the Boston Garden. Hagler stopped Finnegan in the sixth round of their scheduled ten-rounder, opening a deep gash on Kevin's left cheek.

Staley and his manager, Chris Cline, are shown in a playful mood as they attend a recent Capital Centre fight show. They contend that a Staley-Sugar Ray Leonard bout would sell out the 19,000 seat capacity arena.



DALE STALEY: CHRIS CLINE'S CLASSY, CLOUTING WELTERWEIGHT

By ED SCULLEN

Washington, D.C.-Diamonds in the rough. The fight game has long been predicated on the ability to discover those two-fisted originals who batter opponents senseless while attracting wildly cheering crowds. A partial listing of such fighting gems should include heavyweight Jack Dempsey, middleweights Rocky Graziano, and his nemisis, Tony Zale, Jake La Motta, and Carmen Basilie.

The National Capital Area can now boast a young fighter who generally fits the mold of the above mentioned greats—rough-and-tumble fighters, often emerging from obscure and sometimes impoverished backgrounds—but gifted with heavy-punching ability and the necessary charisma to electrify fight crowds. After just six months as a professional, twenty-year-old Dale Staley of suburban District Hdights, Md., has a perfect 6-0 record, including five knockouts, and seems destined for the higher levels of the welterweight ranks.

Whether Staley will actually turn from a "diamond in the rough" into a championship caliber fighter, is anybody's guess at this point. . .but young Staley has enough of the prerequisites to intrigue any real boxing fan.

Staley turned pro on Dec. 17, 1977, when he decisioned Frank Brimage over four rounds in Lowell, Mass. The 5'9" Staley, a former top amateur who compiled a 92-4-2 record, is managed by the veteran Chris Cline. Cline is a true denizen of the ring sport who claims more than four decades experience as fighter, second, trainer, manager, publicist, matchmaker, and promoter.

Among the top boxers handled by Cline are Pappy Gault, now deceased, an early 50's bantamweight who went fifteen rounds in a losing effort against Jimmy Carruthers in Australia. Moving up to the 70's, Chris discovered and honed junior middleweight Irish Mike Baker into a world-class prospect. Baker is best remembered locally for his two bouts with slugger Leo Saenz in late 1974 and early 1975—the two Settos produced a one-one split, but each fighter showed his stuff in sterling fashion. . . .and these mini-wars are still warmly remembered by the local fight crowd. In between Gault and Baker, Chris turned out more than a score of solid fighters who, for one reason or another, never hit championship class, but always turned out to fight over the full distance. Another recent addition to the Cline stable is up and coming junior middle Wilson Bell, who recently lost a close contest to highly ranked Alvin Anderson in Portland, Maine.

But now back to the fighter. . .besides his ackowledged potential, young Dale has that extra sparkle about him which generally separates the stars from the also-rans. At any fight show or public gathering, Dale can be easily spotted. . .usually wearing a three-piece suit, carefully groomed and moving about with the grace of the superior athlete. To the casual observer, the young man could be a fashion model, yet his strutting walk

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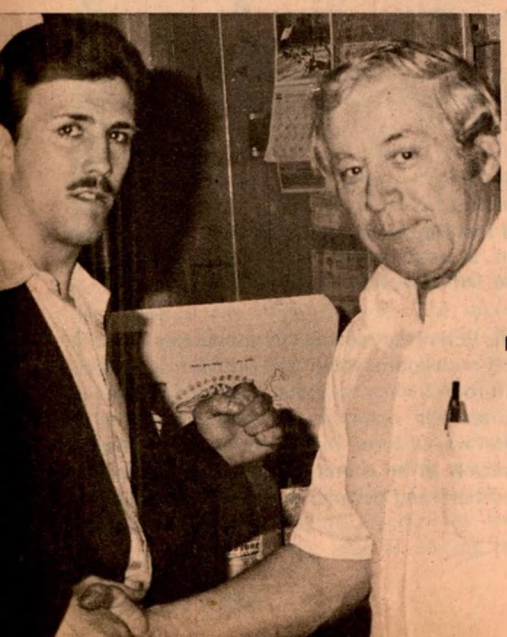
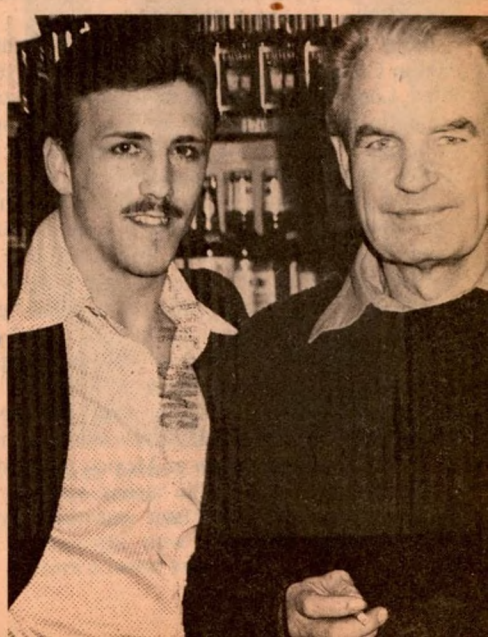




(Left) The feisty Staley-Cline duo cutting up touches at Cline's District Heights, Md. carry-out restaurant. (Right) Like almost all pro fighters mowadays, Dale holds a "regular" job, too. Here he is with his boss, Mr. Jameson, at the latter's grocery-package store.

JERRY CELESTINE FROM CONVICT TO LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT CONTENDER

by MIKE DeFOREST

NEW ORLEANS—He started in the streets like many young kids who dream of becoming professional boxers, punching his way up through the ranks of the neighborhood tough-guys. Then, one day, he learned that fighting was a sport and he was on his way to becoming a professional boxer.

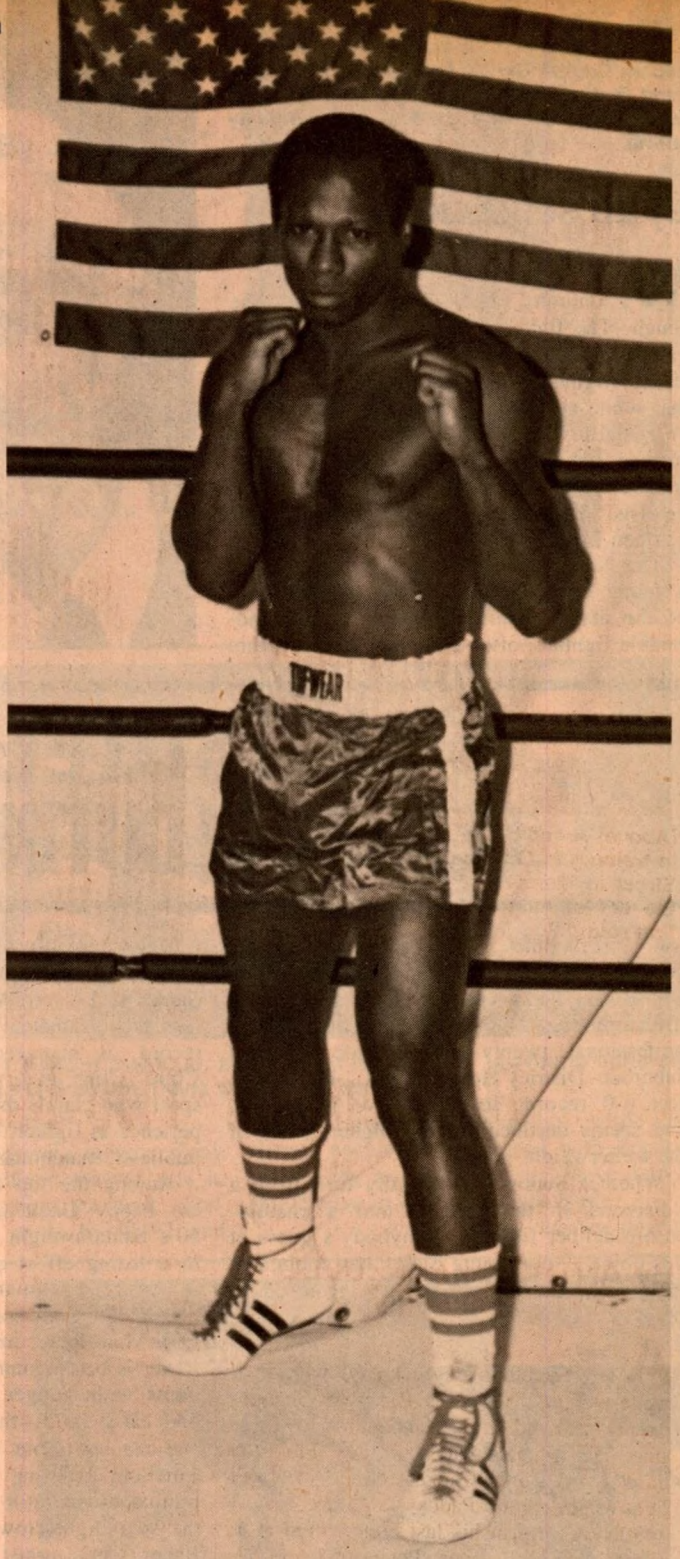
The story of Jerry Celestine begins like that of other New Orleans bred fighter, Willie Pastrano, Joe Brown, Pete Herman and Ralph Dupas to name a few, who grew up in the streets and fought their way into boxing history books. He found that he could take on other kids years his senior and walk away victorious in neighborhood fights that sometimes determined the ground he could walk on. At the age of twelve he saw his family divided by marital problems and took to the streets. By the age of fourteen, he had dropped out of school and was wandering from one job to another.

Three years later, he stopped at a community center on his way home from work and learned about a youth boxing program that was getting started. It was in that center that Jerry Celestine donned his first pair of boxing gloves and began to challenge all comers in the ring. After getting the feel of the ring, he took his gloves into YMCA boxing competition where he gained more respect for the sport and realized his potential as a fighter. At the age of nineteen, he had his first professional fight, and after two years of poor management, he gave up fighting in the ring.

In 1973, Jerry, like many others who fight society, lost a decision in Criminal Court that cost him fifteen years of his life. It was in the Louisiana State Penitentiary that he began fighting in the ring again, in the prison's intramural boxing program. During boxing competiton with a visiting boxing team from Orleans Parish Prison in New Orleans, the visiting team's manager and head coach Leslie Bonano saw Celestine in action and offered him the chance to box as a member of the Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff's Boxing Club.

Since joining the Sheriff's Boxing Club in 1975, he has strived to make his dream of being the light heavyweight champion come true. Although he lost his first professional fight, he has gone on to win the rest of his fights, giving him a 14-1 record with eleven of those victories by knock-outs. His most impressive victory came when he met Vonzell Johnson in August of last year and won a ten-round unanimous decision over the then sixth ranked light heavyweight in the world. Jerry's most recent victory came when he kayoed Juan DeLargaza of Mexico in the sixth round.

His 14-1 record is by no means a listing of victories over unknown fighters. His 1977 bout with title contender Tony McMinn in Memphis ended with Jerry the winner by a knockout in the fourth round. His contest with journeyman Melvin Mott also ended with a kayo in the fourth round when they met in New Orleans.



Jerry Celestine, one of the Ring's top ten U.S. light heavyweight contenders. Jerry won a unanimous ten-round decision over Vonzell Johnson in New Orleans, August 23, 1977.

Jerry has experienced another victory in the past but, you won't find it in his record. He was a loser in his courtroom contest in 1973 but has since gone on to be a credit to society. During his stay in prison he worked hard and became a teachers' assistant and

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(Above) Arcadio "Pee Wee" Suarez, shown in training at Gramercy Gym on Fourteenth Street in Manhattan. (Right) "Pee Wee" in the act of stopping Peter O'Keefe in the first round.

Remember The Name: Arcadio "Pee Wee" Suarez

By ANTHONY PEZZULLO

A new name to be reckoned with in the welterweight division is Pee Wee Suarez, a twenty-year old from Manhattan's lower east side. He is managed by Paddy Flood and trained by Tony Canzi, trainer of former lightweight champ Paddy DeMarco.

Suarez, who in his last bout scored a one-round knockout over Peter O'Keefe, has brought his record to an impressive 15-0 with eleven ko's.

"Years ago, when I was a kid, block parties were a way of enjoyment. The special part of this was making boxing matches between the kids. The prize to the winner would be a soda. This was the start for me.

"When I was thirteen, my father asked me if, 'I wanted to box amateur.' Saying 'yes,' I joined the gym on 108th street in Manhattan. Over a period of four years as an amateur I had forty fights, losing only four. At this time, I had the idea of turning professional and went to Gramercy Gym on 14th street in Manhattan, where I met Paddy Flood and Tony Canzi.

"Tony and Paddy worked with me one year in the gym, correcting my faults and making me mentally ready to turn professional. 'Boxing is a mental game. You must always be mentally ready, because no matter how conditioned a fighter is, if his confidence is not there 100%, he can't win.' With Paddy and Tony teaching me all this, I turned professional.

"I remember my first fight. I fought some guy named Richard Novick. When I got into the ring I was so nervous from the crowd I really didn't know if I was ready to fight pro. But when the bell rang I calmed down. I caught Novick with a good right hand and the fight was over in thirty five seconds. Later on in my career, I fought Jose Resto in Westchester County Center in Yonkers. This

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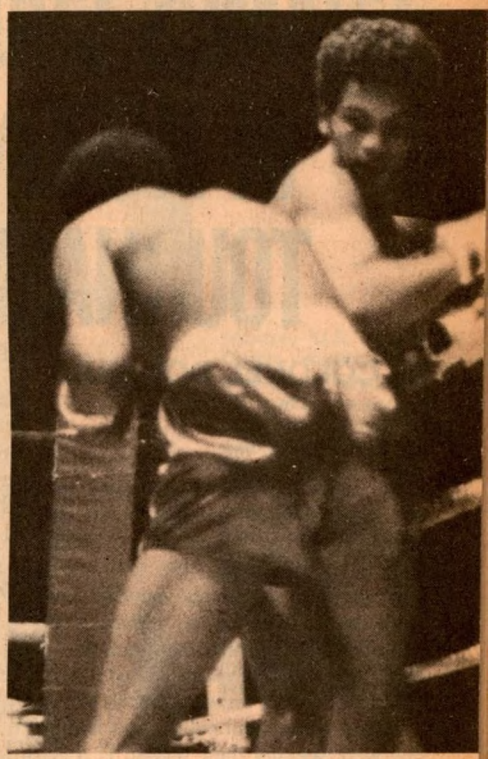
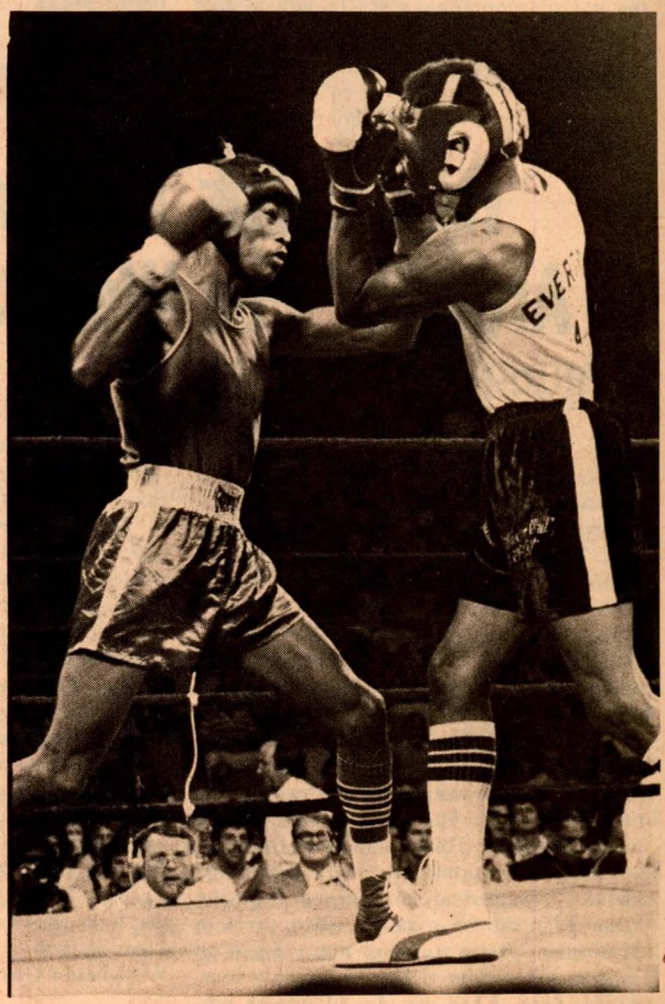


Suarez batters Willie Davis en route to a three-round TKO in Commack on November 18, 1977. "Pee Wee" is a welterweight, now 15-0, who fights out of New York's lower east side.

Defending champion Greg Page, without headgear, moves to attack Tony Tubbs. Page won by a decision.

Roger Leonard gets inside the defense of Clinton Jackson, below, in their welterweight contest. Leonard won on points.

U.S.A. AMATEUR CHAMPS CROWNED IN NATIONAL TOURNAMENT



By COLONEL DON HULL

As amateur boxers in Olympic weights from the far corners of the world prepare to meet in the four corners of world championship ring, the U.S.A. entries sharpened their talents in a great National Tournament. 452 Olympic hopefuls gathered together in the beautiful Coliseum and Convention Center in Biloxi, Mississippi to see who would represent the United States in the 1978 World Championships in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. After one week of night and day competition and a total of 441 bouts, the U.S.A. Champions were crowned in the eleven Olympic weight categories.

While an exceptionally large number of former U.S.A. Champions were seeking their second U.S.A. title, only heavyweight Gregory Page was successful. The new champions included sixteen year olds James Cullins of Bladensbury, Md., Mike Felde, Missoula, Montana, and Donald Curry of Fort Worth, Texas. By win-

ning National Championships in their first try in the tough open championships, these three youngsters established themselves as definite contenders for the 1980 U.S.A. Olympic Team.

The 1978 U.S.A. National Championships got underway with three busy rings in the 12,000-seat Biloxi Coliseum. All three rings were fully busy each afternoon and evening until Friday night when only one ring was used for the semi-finals and the finals on Saturday. ABC carried the highlights of the earlier bouts and gave full coverage of the finals in all the eleven Olympic weights.

The many former U.S.A. Champions who went down to defeat in the close, hard-fought matches included the 1978 Champion and constant International winner, Jerome Coffee of Nashville, Tenn. Hard hitting seventeen year old Indian boxer Roger Ponfil of Green Bay, Wisconsin carried on after eliminating Coffee until he lost in the finals. 1977 champion Rocky Lockridge took his bid for another championship to the finals before losing. Likewise, Bernie Taylor, 1975 champion and Pan American medalist, lost his bid for another championship in the finals.

Two-time Olympic boxer Davey Armstrong of Puyallup, Washington, also lost his efforts for another championship in the finals after winning four tough matches. His preliminaries included victories over 1975 national champion Michael Hess and 1977 national champion Johnny Bumphus. Another long time Olympic veteran, Clinton Jackson, also lost in the finals. Jackson has been national USA champion three times, and is considered by many to be one of the best welterweights in the world, but he just couldn't put it all together again in this year's national championships.

The 1978 U.S.A. championship finals in the eleven Olympic weights went as follows. The light flyweight final match saw sixteen year old James Cullins use his height advantage to defeat Joe Rodriguez of San Antonio. Cullins employed a confusing switching attack as he alternated between right and left handed stances. Cullins scored at will to the head of Rodriguez with effective counter punches.

In the flyweight category, Mike Felde survived a late rally by two-time national Indian champion Roger Ponfil. Felde, who had over one hundred junior Olympic bouts before entering the open class, had clearly outscored Ponfil in the first and second rounds. In the Bantaweight category, defending champion Rocky Lockridge of Tacoma, Washinton, ran into a young tiger by the name of Jackie Beard of Jackson, Tennessee. There were many heavy exchanges in this fast slugfest, but Beard had the advantage in the in-fighting and seemed to be able to block many of Lockridge's best punches with his exceptionally fast defensive hands.

In the featherweight category, veteran Bernie Taylor of Charlotte, N.C., lost a close split decision to Eiichi Jumawan of Wahiana, Hawaii. Taylor, a classy boxer, seemed confident of another victory, but the hard hitting Jumawan scored in the numerous exchanges to give him the verdict. Jumawan demonstrated speed in starting his attack and often beat Taylor to the punch.

In the lightweight category, the local favorite, Melvin Paul of

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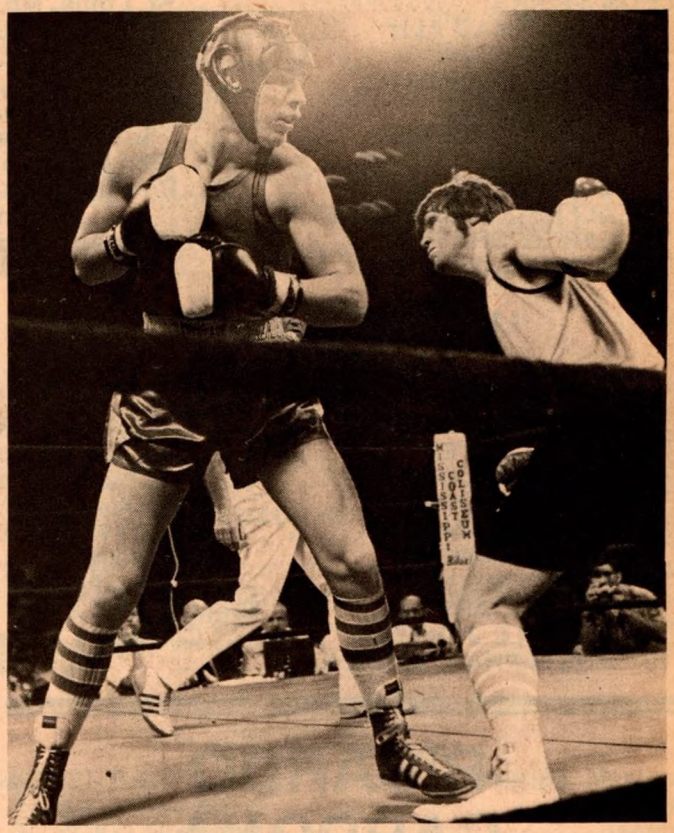

(Above) U.S. Marine Corps middleweight champ Jeff McCracken, with headgear, gets set to defend against a wide hook thrown by Monte Oswald of Bay City, Michigan. McCracken won. (Left) Olympian Davey Armstrong, Puyallup, Washington, puts Melvin Paul of New Orleans on the deck. Paul got up to win by a decision. This was for the lightweight title.

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

LEON SPINKS* ..... St. Louis, Mo.
1—MUHAMMAD ALI† ..... Chicago, Ill.
2—KEN NORTON** ..... San Diego, Calif.
3—LARRY HOLMES ..... Easton, Pa.
4—JIMMY YOUNG ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5—KALLIE KNOETZE ..... South Africa
6—RON LYLE ..... Denver, Colo.
7—DUANE BOBICK ..... Bowlus, Minn.
8—ALFREDO EVANGELISTA ..... Spain
9—EARNIE SHAVERS ..... Warren, Ohio
10—GERRI GOSTZEE ..... South Africa

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1—VICTOR GALINDEZ* ..... Argentina
2—JOHN CONTEH ..... England
3—MATE PARLOV** ..... Yugoslavia
4—ALVARO LOPEZ† ..... Stockton, Calif.
5—MIKE ROSSMAN ..... Turnersville, N.J.
6—MATT FRANKLIN ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
7—EDDIE GREGORY ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
8—BOBBY CASSIDY ..... Brentwood, L.I., N.Y.
9—VONZELL JOHNSON ..... Columbus, Ohio
10—MUSTAPHA WASSAJA ..... Uganda

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

HUGO CORRO ..... Argentina
1—MARVIN HAGLER† ..... Brockton, Mass.
2—RONNIE HARRIS ..... Akron, Ohio
3—MIKE COLBERT ..... Portland, Ore.
4—DAVID LOVE ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
5—VITO ANTUOFERMO ..... Italy
6—BENNIE BRISCOE ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
7—GRATIEN TONNA ..... France
8—ALAN MINTER ..... England
9—MARCOS GERALDO ..... Mexico
10—TONY CHIAVERINI ..... Kansas City, Mo.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

EDDIE GAZO* ..... Nicaragua
1—AYUB KALULE ..... Uganda
2—ROCKY MATTIOLI** ..... Australia
3—MAURICE HOPE ..... England
4—MIGUEL ANGEL CASTELLINI ..... Argentina
5—FRANK WISSENBACH ..... Germany
6—BILLY BACKUS† ..... Syracuse, N.Y.
7—EDGAR ROSS ..... Orlando, Fla.
8—ALVIN ANDERSON ..... Baltimore, Md.
9—RAY PHILLIPS ..... Dallas, Texas
10—ELISHA OBED ..... Nassau, Bahamas

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS PALOMINO** ..... Mexico
1—JOSE CUEVAS* ..... Mexico
2—PETE RANZANY† ..... Sacramento, Calif.
3—RANDY SHIELDS ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4—FLOYD MAYWEATHER ..... Detroit, Mich.
5—CLYDE GRAY ..... Canada
6—ARMANDO MUNIZ ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7—HAROLD WESTON ..... New York, N.Y.
8—EDDIE MARCELLO ..... Trinidad, W.I.
9—JOHNNY GANT ..... Washington, D.C.
10—ANDY PRICE ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFRED BENITEZ ..... Puerto Rico
1—SAENSAK MUANGSURIN** ..... Thailand
2—ANTONIO CERVANTES* ..... Colombia
3—MIGUEL MONTILLA ..... Dominican Rep.
4—DAVID GREEN ..... England
5—BRUCE CURRY† ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6—MONROE BROOKS ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7—LAURIE AUSTIN (BABY CASSIUS) ... Australia
8—JIMMY HEAIR ..... Memphis, Tenn.
9—JOE KIMPUANI ..... Zaire
10—SAOUL MAMBY ..... New York, N.Y.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ROBERTO DURAN ..... Panama
1—ANDREW GANIGAN† ..... Honolulu, Hawaii
2—ESTEBAN DEJESUS ..... Puerto Rico
3—ALFREDO PITALUA ..... Colombia
4—EDWIN VIRUET ..... Puerto Rico
5—GIANCARLO USAI ..... Italy
6—TERMITE WATKINS ..... Houston, Texas
7—JIM WATT ..... Scotland
8—CLAUDE NOEL ..... Trinidad, W.I.
9—VILOMAR FERNANDEZ ..... Dominican Rep.
10—ANTONIO GUINALDO ..... Spain

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SAMUEL SERRANGO* ..... Puerto Rico
1—ALEXIS ARGUELLO** ..... Nicaragua
2—RAFAEL LIMON ..... Mexico
3—ALFREDO ESCALERA† ..... Puerto Rico
4—FRANKIE BALTAZAR ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
5—WALTER SEELEY ..... Sayville, L.I., N.Y.
6—ARTURO LEON ..... Phoenix, Ariz.
7—WARREN MATTHEWS ..... New Orleans, La.
8—DIEGO ALCALA ..... Panama
9—NATLIO VEZZOLI ..... Italy
10—JUAN MALVAREZ ..... Argentina

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
title vacant

1—DANNY LOPEZ**† ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
2—EUSEBIO PEDROZA* ..... Panama
3—RICHARD ROZELLE ..... Columbus, Ohio
4—SEAN O'GRADY ..... Oklahoma City, Okla.
5—RUBEN CASTILLO ..... Bakersfield, Calif.
6—CECILIO LASTRA ..... Spain
7—RICARDO CARDONA ..... Venezuela
8—HONG SOO-HWAN ..... South Korea
9—MIKE AYALA ..... San Antonio, Texas
10—ROBERTO GASTANON ..... Spain

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

JORGE LUJAN* ..... Panama
1—CARLOS ZARATE** ..... Mexico
2—WILFREDO GOMEZ† ..... Puerto Rico
3—ALFONSO ZAMORA ..... Mexico
4—FRANCO ZURLO ..... Italy
5—ROBERTO RUBALDINO ..... Mexico
6—LEO CRUZ ..... Dominican Rep.
7—LUPE PINTOR ..... Mexico
8—FRANK DUARTE ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9—JOSE MIRANDA ..... Panama
10—PAUL FERREIRA ..... Australia

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MIGUEL CANTO** ..... Merida, Mexico
1—GUTY ESPADAS* ..... Mexico
2—YOKO GUSHIKEN ..... Japan
3—AL SANDOVAL† ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4—FRANCO UDELLA ..... Italy
5—NETRNOI VORASINGHI ..... Thailand
6—FREDDY CASTILLO ..... Mexico
7—LUIS ESTABA ..... Venezuela
8—JOSE ORTIZ ..... Puerto Rico
9—CHARLIE MAGRI ..... England
10—BERNABE VILLACAMPO ..... Philippines

RICARDO CARDONA

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

VENEZUELA'S junior featherweight, Ricardo Cardona, scored a major upset when he kayoed Korea's Hong Soo-Hwan in twelve to win the WBA junior featherweight title. This won him the honor of Fighter of the Month.

Other major victories for the month were scored by Netrnoi Vorasinghi, Thailand, Mike Colbert, Portland, Ore., Victor Galindez, Argentina, Yoko Gushiken, Japan, Antonio Cervantes, Colombia, Danny Lopez, Los Angeles, Alexis Arguello, Nicaragua, Miguel Montilla, Dominican Rep., and Rocky Mattioli, Australia.

Light heavy division: Galindez remains number one with wins over Ramon Cerrezuela and Alvaro (Yaqui) Lopez. Lopez falls from three to four. Eddie Gregory's win over Nat Gates moves him to seven from eight. Cassidy falls one spot due to inactivity.

Former world middle king Rodrigo Valdes has called it a career and now is removed from the world rankings. Marvin Hagler, becomes number one with Portland's Mike Colbert moving up from four to three with a tenth-round knockout over Edgar Wallace, who was rated seventh and is now dropped out of the Top Ten to make room for Tom Chiaverini, Kansas City, who returns to the number ten spot, with a win over Al Bell. Tonna and Minter both move up a place because of Wallace falling out. Another new face in the ratings is Mexico's Marcos Geraldo, who scored a kayo victory over Renato Garcia. Marcos is number nine.

The welters: both Jose Figueroa and Everaldo Costa Azevedo, formerly nine and ten, come out due to inactivity. Replacing them are Johnny Gant, Washington D.C., nine (John scored wins over Justice Ortiz and Roland Pryor), and Los Angeles' Andry Price, number ten Andy kayoed Julio Gomez last time out.

Dominican Miguel Montilla's two wins over Emilio Guerrero and Bobby Hughes moves him from four to three. Inactive Dave Green falls from three to four. Tony Petronelli, Brocton, kayoed by Jimmy Montague, drops out of the Top Ten, replaced by New York's Saoul Mamby, who outpointed E.B.U. champion Jean Baptiste-Piedvache.

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PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

NAME	PRO DEBUT	TOTAL BOUTS	WON	LOST	DRAWS	KO'S
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Marvin Stinson Philadelphia, Pa.	9/77	7	7	0	0	5
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Jose Resendez Los Angeles, Calif.	3/77	9	7	2	0	2
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Keith Broom Washington, D.C.	6/77	8	8	0	0	4
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Tom Fischer Dayton, Ohio	10/76	8	6	2	0	2

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Walter Moore, Chicago heavyweight, a frequent feature of Terrell's shows in the Aragon Ballroom. Moore, an ex-Viet Nam machine gunner, has won eighteen out of nineteen fights.

ERNIE TERRELL, FORMER WBA HEAVY CHAMP, IS NOW PROMOTER IN CHICAGO

By JOHNNY BELLINO

Chicago may not know it, but there are *two* heavyweight champions living there. The loudest of course is Muhammad Ali. The other, Ernie Terrell, is a native.

The 6'6" Terrell, however, commands just as much respect as the "Loueyville Lip." He's the guy who held the WBA version of the world heavyweight title from 1965-67, beating Eddie Machen in fifteen rounds and later demolishing George Chuvalo and Doug Jones in successive defenses.

But it was a largely anonymous tenure, since many people were too busy worshiping the Beatles or protesting the Viet Nam War to pay attention to boxing.

Nevertheless, Ernie Terrell compiled fifteen straight victories over such men as former light heavyweight champion Bob Foster and powerful Cleveland Williams to earn a rightful shot at the crown.

Ernie lost the crown to Ali in 1967 during a fight that virtually ended the career of a man who started boxing as a sophomore at Farragut High School. He was too awkward to make the basketball team.

Today, Ernie lives on Chicago's Southwest Side with his mother. He is as unpretentious as a civilian as he was when he held the championship.

Ernie recalled his fight with Ali as having ended in the second round, although the bout went the official distance. Terrell thought that Ali stuck his thumb into his eye. He aggrevated the injury in a skirmish against the ropes later in the round.

But, aside from the fact that both men are living in the Windy City, that both have been champion and fought one another, what else do Terrell and Ali have in common?

Both are showmen. Ali inside the ring and Terrell outside. Ernie teamed up with his sister Jean and several friends and members of his family to form a singing group called, naturally enough, "The Heavyweights." They appeared in such spots as the Las Vegas Hilton and the Foutainbleau in Miami. The group did so well that Jean was hired by Motown Records to replace Diana Ross after she left the Supremes. Just recently, Jean teamed up with Ernie to cut a record, but it hasn't been released yet.

To play the game, you have to pay the piper. Ernie's not a lumberjack for fun. It's great for conditioning, even if you don't have a fireplace.

First a successful boxer, then an entertainer, Ernie has now taken a third title. Nowadays, when his name is mentioned it sounds like this: "Ladies and gentlemen, Ernie Terrell of Champion Maker Enterprises proudly presents another night of boxing."

And what makes the scene even more ironic is the location of Ernie's fights—the Aragon Ballroom, where the great musicians of the past fourty years have appeared regularly. The significance of the Aragon indicates how little Ernie has strayed from the ring and entertainment. But then Ernie Terrell has always had to be his own promoter. "Not because I wanted to," Ernie said. "But there just wasn't anyone I could trust."

"And I think it hurt me as a boxer. Instead of concentrating on boxing, I had too many other worries.

"I needed a manager like Cus D'Amato, who worked Flyod Patterson's corner. Patterson may not have been the world's greatest

(Left) Ernie conducted his own press conference after the commission cancelled his title bout with Muhammad Ali in Chicago. At left is Sam Solomon, now the manager of heavyweight champion Leon Spinks. (Below) Ernie Terrell, lead vocalist of "The Heavyweights."

champion, but he was around for a long time. That's sound management," Terrell added.

Labeled a "thinking man's boxer," and a fighter with a reputed "two million dollar left hand," Terrell approached promoting cautiously, but successfully. He pitted himself against Ken Norton in an exhibition and promoted the effort in Norton's hometown, Jacksonville, Illinois. The affair drew a reported 10,000 people.

Then he raised about $150,000 from several businessmen, including himself, and formed Champion Maker Enterprises. Billed as another attempt to bring boxing back to Chicago, where Patterson fought Sonny Liston in White Sox Park and Sugar Ray Robinson drew 15,000 fans to watch him fight Jake LaMotta. Terrell, nevertheless, has a more specific goal in mind.

"I've got a world class fighter in Walter Moore," Terrell said. Moore is a former machine gunner who served in Viet Nam. Since then, he has gunned down eighteen opponents. Against one setback.

Before he met Terrell, Moore was going nowhere. "I know the feeling," Terrell said. "I think I can help Walter's career more by promoting him than by managing him."

One reason may be that Terrell didn't think Moore needed as much managing as other fighters with less than twenty fights. "He's going straight to the top," Ernie insisted.

Moore has the ring savvy, according to the former chamion. "He doesn't panic when someone tries to take the fight to him," Ernie explained. "He knows exactly how to react. He's an attacker. If he gets caught with a hook or jab, he knows immediately what position his opponent has to be in to throw the punch. He knows what's open. And he reacts accordingly. At least that's what he's shown me. And I've been in there with him," Terrell said.

In Champion Makers' first productions at the Aragon, which has thrived as a dance hall but never quite made it as a fight room, the results have, nonetheless, been promising, especially since Italian heavyweight George Mostardini has been appearing on the card. Moore's been doing well, too, ever since his first appearance when he fired two rapid hooks to his opponent's body. Since then, it's

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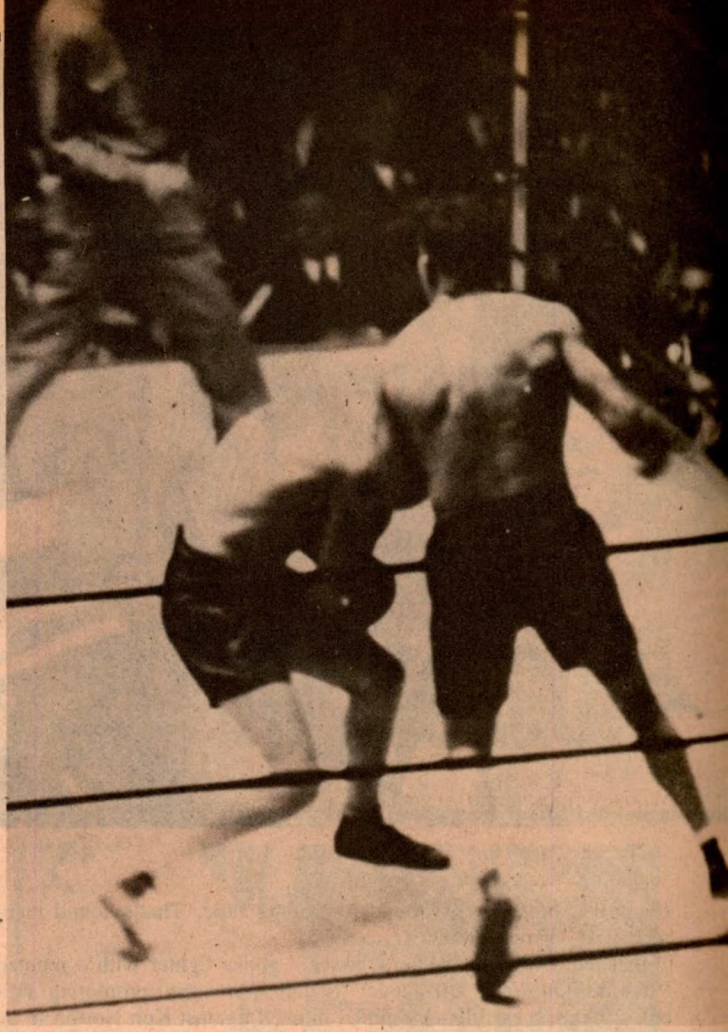
Tunney vs. Sharkey The Fight That Never Happened

By HERBERT G. GOLDMAN



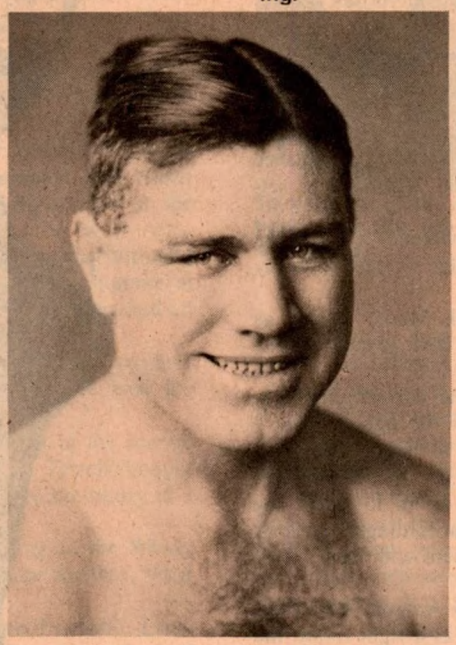
Jack Sharkey, left, tears into Johnny Risko at the beginning of the eighth round of their elimination fight in 1928. Risko hustled him right back into a corner for a dose of body battering.

"I'm not afraid of Wills. I'll beat him sure as I'm standing before this microphone." So said twenty-four-year-old Jack Sharkey just before his fight with Harry Wills at Ebbets Field, Brooklyn, on Columbus Day, 1926. The cocky "Boston Gob" proceeded to outbox, outspeed, and outfight the thirty-seven-year-old "Black Panther" for twelve rounds before referee Patsy Haley disqualified Wills for fouling in the thirteenth. Exit Wills, enter Jack Sharkey, who, in the eyes of many, was the shadow of Gene Tunney, just as Wills had been the shadow of Jack Dempsey. Tunney never fought Jack Sharkey in his less than two year reign as heavy champ, and many still believe that Gene retired to avoid the former sailor. The following, however, are the facts.

Sharkey's victory over Wills came nineteen days after Tunney beat Dempsey. It should have made Sharkey the number two contender, back of Dempsey, but the Gob had had a rather spotty record up to meeting Wills, including losses to Quinton Romero Rojas (by a knockout), Jim Maloney, Charley Weinert, and Bud Gorman, and, though he had come back to win from Gorman on a foul and defeat Maloney twice (the first time on a foul, the second time by a decision), the popular Hub Irishman was looked on as the better man by the majority of boxing fans.

Accordingly, a fourth Maloney-Sharkey bout was set for Yankee Stadium, May 20, 1927. It was Sharkey's finest hour. He battered his opponent, parrying Maloney's leads and countering with vicious rights. Jack displayed speed, cleverness, and hitting accuracy that would have made him a worthwhile opponent for any fighter in the world—including former champion Jack Dempsey.

"I think I proved that I'm a contender. I'm not looking for Tunney yet. I want Dempsey, if he's going to come back, to show me why he should get a shot at the title," declared Sharkey in his dressing room after the fight. Rickard, however, had already planned to pit the winner of the Sharkey-

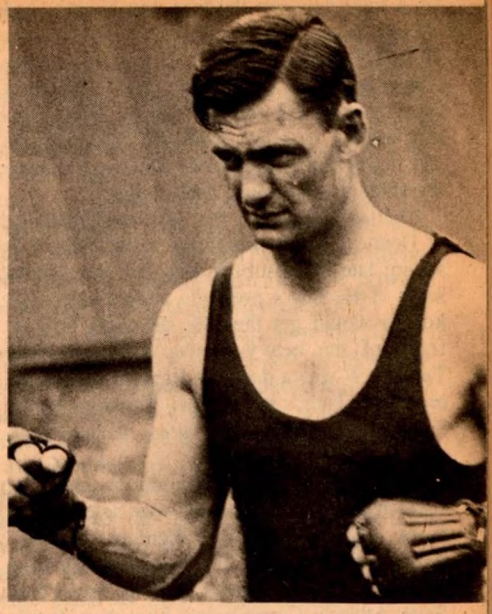


Tom Heeney, "The Hard Rock From Down Under," got his chance at Tunney's heavyweight crown when underdog Risko won a split decision over Sharkey. Tunney stopped Heeney in the eleventh.

Gene Tunney left it up to George (Tex) Rickard to determine his opponents while he held the title. "The Fighting Marine" announced his retirement as undefeated champion on August 1, 1928, six days after stopping Heeney.

Sully Montgomery was a football star before becoming well known as a fighter.

Jack DeMave held Risko to a draw in 1927.



Monte Munn was a graduate of the University of Nebraska. His brother was Wayne Munn, the wrestler.

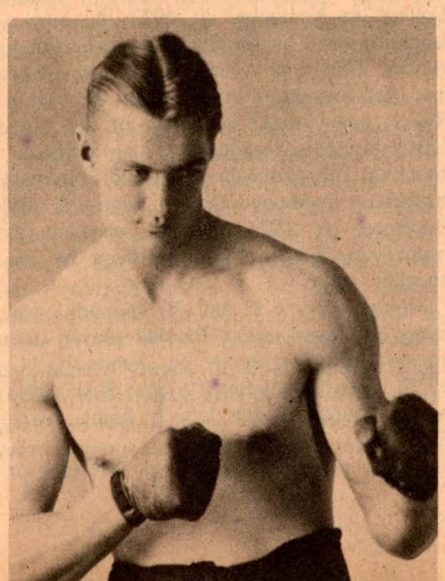
Maloney fight against the Manassa Mauler to determine an opponent for Gene Tunney.

The details of the Dempsey-Sharkey bout, held in Yankee Stadium on July 21, 1927, are well known. How Sharkey almost kayoed Dempsey in the first, how Dempsey landed several right hand punches at Sharkey's beltline in the seventh, and how Sharkey was kayoed by Dempsey when the former turned his head to protest to the referee, Jack O'Sullivan. (Dempsey, incidentally, weighed 194½ for this fight, heaviest of his career. Sharkey tipped the scales at 196.)

The aftermath, of course, was that Jack Dempsey got a return bout with Tunney, while Jack Sharkey had to wait his turn. Sharkey, who had been a 7-5 favorite to beat Dempsey, was considered the next logical challenger after Tunney beat the Manassa Mauler in their return bout, "the battle of the long count." But the Gob's plans for a title bout received a serious blow when he was held to an official draw by New Zealand heavyweight champion Tom Heeney in a twelve-round bout in Madison Square Garden, January 13, 1928.

The term "official draw" is stressed, because the decision was not well received by most of the 16,948 people who were present in the Garden on that Friday evening. Reporters also disagreed with the decision. Sharkey, nearly all of them contended, had won easily. James P. Dawson of *The New York Times*, was particularly adamant in this opinion. "Sharkey, despite the decision, beat Heeney in a battle that was savagely and bitterly, if surprisingly disappointingly, fought." The official scoring of the bout was not disclosed. Jack Denning was the referee; George Kelly and George Patrick were the judges.

(Above) Arthur De Kuh kayoed Big Bill Hartwell, George Cook, and Bud Gorman, among others. He fought out of Brooklyn. (Below) "The Melancholy Dane," Knute Hansen, shot to fame when he stopped England's Phil Scott in the first round of their fight in New York in 1927.



Sharkey had entered the ring a 3-1 favorite, and Rickard had intended matching him with Tunney in Yankee Stadium in June, providing that he looked impressive against Heeney. The Boston Gob was an erratic fighter, however, and the Heeney fight was not one of his better efforts. The result was that Rickard gave thought to a third Tunney-Dempsey bout for 1928.

Dempsey, however, had been having trouble with his eyes. When he injured one in training, he consulted an eye specialist who advised him to stop fighting. Late in January, Dempsey told Rickard he was retiring from active competition.

The former champion's retirement prompted Rickard to announce "elimination" bouts involving Sharkey, Johnny Risko, Heeney, and Jack Delaney, who had relinquished his light heavy crown to campaign with the big boys. On March 1, Heeney beat Delaney, fifteen rounds, in New York City. Then, on March 12, Sharkey met with Risko in a fifteen-rounder in the Garden. Jack entered the ring a 16-5 favorite.

It was with this bout that the former sailor definitely blew his final chances of a bout with Tunney. Sharkey fought only in spurts, while Risko, Cleveland's "Rubber Man," boxed a conscientious fight. In the seventh round, Johnny landed a left to the body which Sharkey claimed was foul. Referee William (Kid) McPartland didn't recognize the protest, though, and as he had with Dempsey, Sharkey left himself wide open to attack.

The fight was won by Risko on a split decision, judge George Kelly voting for Sharkey while referee McPartland and judge Stewart Douglas scored the bout for Risko.

That left Heeney and Risko as the logical contenders. Rickard held a binding contract

for a fight between the two, but Heeney had already beaten Risko, in Detroit on October 26, 1927. Moreover, if a Heeney-Risko return was held, the winner could not fight Gene Tunney for the title till the fall. Tunney wanted to retire from the boxing game and marry Polly Lauder; he preferred to have the championship bout held in July.

Charles J. Harvey, the American manager of Heeney, had a conference with Rickard in Miami late in March. It was decided that, in view of Heeney's previous victory over Risko, he would get the title shot, the last defense of the heavy crown made by Gene Tunney. It was a decision Rickard must have regretted later, when the Tunney-Heeney fight lost $152,750 on a gross gate of $691,014 at Yankee Stadium.

Lest there be any further doubt about the method by which Heeney was selected, or more talk about the "Fighting Marine" ducking Sharkey, the following excerpt from a telegram from Tunney sent to New York State Athletic Commission Executive Secretary Bert Stand is presented. It was sent right after Rickard had selected Heeney as the next Tunney opponent.

Tex Rickard has named Tom Heeney as my opponent He believes him to be the outstanding and most formidable challenger My signature to box any opponent was placed on a contract months ago, and the only reason why an opponent was not named at the same time was that Tex Rickard, with whom I signed, believed there was no logical one at the time.

GENE TUNNEY

And so Heeney got the title shot at Tunney, who destroyed him in eleven rounds. Six days later, on August 1, 1928, Tunney officially announced his retirement as undefeated heavyweight champion of the world.

The crown was vacant for the next two years, but more on that next month . . .

Besides Paulino Uzcudun, who will be dealt with in the next installment, notable heavyweights of Tunney's reign as champion included:

JOHNNY RISKO

"The Cleveland Rubber Man" was born in Austria, December 18, 1902. He started fighting as a pro in 1924. Before the year was out, the former baker boy was facing competition on the order of Homer Smith, Quinton Romero Rojas, and Martin Burke. In 1925, he faced such seasoned experts as Jack Renault and Gene Tunney, and, though he lost, he succeeded in impressing himself as a fighter to be dealt with in the future.

Risko's stock rose even higher when he outpointed Emilio (King) Solomon in ten rounds in St. Louis on July 13, 1926. By the end of 1927, the "Rubber Man" was a contender, having kayoed Eddie Huffman in eight rounds in New York, Sully Montgomery in three rounds in Canton, Ohio, and beaten, in succession, Jack DeMave, Lou Scozza, Jack Gagnon, Joe Sekyra, Jack Delaney, and (in a no decision bout) Quinton Romero Rojas.

Tom Heeney beat Risko in a tenner held in Detroit on October 26, but Johnny's next bout, against Jack Sharkey, was the shining point of his career. Sharkey had beaten Risko easily in their first fight, in Boston on September 17, 1925. Johnny's ability to turn the tables on the Boston Gob was explained by his trainer, Charley Goldman, in an article on Risko in the April, 1953 issue of *The Ring*

"Sharkey had licked Risko in Boston by nailing him time after time with right-hand leads. We knew he liked to use this punch, so we kept Johnny moving to his left, away from Sharkey's right all through the fight, and that upset Sharkey and beat him."

Risko was short (5'10½") for a heavyweight, and, at 193 pounds, was almost pudgy. He appeared crude and cumbersome, but still defeated men like Sharkey and Tommy Loughran, as smooth a boxer as the ring has ever seen. Onlookers always wondered how the "Rubber Man" could do it, since he was neither a hard hitter nor a clever boxer.

Another one of Risko's greatest achievements was his defeat of George Godfrey in Brooklyn's Ebbets Field on June 27, 1928.

Johnny was stopped for the first time when he fought Max Schmeling in New York on February 1, 1929. The "Black Uhlan" did, in nine rounds, what no other fighter in the world had been able to. He gave Risko quite a battering. The knockout made Schmeling in this country.

Risko, who was managed by old-time bantamweight Danny Dunn, quit the ring in 1936, but returned late in 1937. *Finis* was written to his career when Tony Musto, "The Blue Island Tank," knocked him out in three rounds in Miami Beach on February 19, 1940.

Although he was thirty-nine years old in 1942, Risko was accepted by the U.S. Army during World War II. In later years, he ran a tavern in Cleveland. He died in Miami Beach of a heart ailment, January 13, 1953.

SULLY MONTGOMERY

James Ralph "Sully" Montgomery, of Fort Worth, Texas, first acquired athletic prominence as a member of the renowned "Praying Colonels" football team of Centre College in Kentucky. In 1923, he was a tackle on the Chicago Cardinals professional eleven. That same year, Montgomery, who had been introduced to boxing by Capt. Bob Roper, heavyweight contender of the early '20s, started making headway as a fighter, knocking out forty-three-year-old Fireman Jim Flynn in Mexico City on June 2nd. By December 1, 1924, he had engaged in twenty-nine bouts, winning fifteen by the knockout route.

Montgomery, 6'2" and 200 pounds, was rangy and fast—like a football player. His greatest moment came on February 11, 1925, when he outpointed Johnny Risko over twelve rounds in the latter's home town, Cleveland.

Sully's biggest drawback was his lack of punching power. After his fighting days were over, he became a Tarrant County sheriff. He was well known as a Golden Gloves referee.

Sully Montgomery died of a sudden heart attack on September 5, 1970. He was sixty-nine years old.

MONTE MUNN

Monte was a rarity back in the '20s, a heavyweight boxer with a college degree. Munn, 6'4" and 215 lbs., was a graduate of the University of Nebraska. His brother was Wayne Munn, the wrestler.

Monte Munn was managed by Dan Hickey, mentor of Paul Berlenbach. Munn attracted some attention when he scored a first round knockout on the undercard of the Berlenbach-Young Stribling light heavyweight title fight in New York on June 10, 1926. George Godfrey, the "Leiperville Shadow," knocked out Munn in four rounds in New York on September 14, 1927. Monte fought on for awhile, then retired.

ARTHUR De KUH

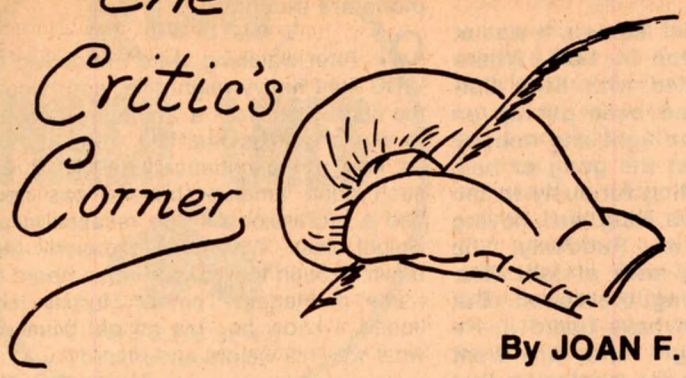
De Kuh was an Italian, fighting out of Brooklyn. Jim Maloney stopped him in two rounds on October 22, 1926, but Art rebounded, knocking out Big Bill Hartwell in the ninth round of a ten-round main event at the Broadway Arena in Brooklyn. (Hartwell knocked out Jack Johnson in six rounds in Kansas City on May 15, 1928.) De Kuh, a 220-pounder, was a foe to reckon with through 1930, knocking out George Cook and Bud Gorman, among others. Max Baer beat him over ten rounds in Oakland, Calif. on December 30, 1931, and De Kuh, who had lost to Jack Sharkey in Boston three years earlier, continued drifting downstream until his retirement from the ring. He had a good right hand, but no left hook to speak of.

Pedroza Stops Lastra For WBA Featherweight Title

Twenty-two year old Eusebio Pedroza brought the WBA version of the featherweight title back to his native Panama when he pounded his way to a thirteenth round kayo over Cecilio Lastra of Spain in front of 12,000 partisan fans. Lastra, who had taken the title from Panamanian Rafael Ortega via decision in his hometown of Santander, Spain last December, was never in the fight as the taller Pedroza took control immediately and had the Spaniard on the canvas as early as the third round.

Referee Larry Rozadilla stopped the one sided affair mid-way through the thirteenth after Lastra, who had been hampered by a swollen eye since the third round, was knocked down twice by the lanky Panamanian.

The Critic's Corner



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JACK JOHNSON
In the Ring and Out
An Autobiography
Edited by Gilbert Odd
Illustrated. 200 pp. London: Proteus Publishing Ltd.
New York; Two Continents Publishing Group, Ltd., $10.95.

THIS book is for the generation whose fathers grew up to fight World War I and remained to see the Roaring Twenties; and the next, experiencing World War II, who saw Louis and Marciano; and the succeeding, who know Ali and today's fighters. To them, Jack Johnson is a name and history, almost close enough to touch, but not quite, and the search for the Great White Hope almost a figure of speech.

Johnson was twenty-two at the turn of the century, just beginning to attract notice. He had left Galveston as a boy, returned to work on the docks, hobo'd it on the rails as so many have done before and since, like Jack Dempsey. By 1908, he'd gotten so good that he had to chase Tommy Burns to Australia to fight him for the championship. He made up for Burns' long sidestepping by cutting him to ribbons, until the police finally interfered in the fourteenth round.

"The little Galveston colored boy" had defeated the world's champion boxer, and for the first time in history a black man held the title. It was an honor which touched off a bitter and ludicrous search for a white man who would topple the black from the throne, so intense that Jim Jeffries was persuaded to come out of retirement for the honor of the white race. Jack London is credited, if such be the word, with giving the movement its impetus. Present at the slaughter of Burns, he opined "that Jim Jeffries must come out of retirement and wipe the golden smile off the face of Johnson. Jeff, it's up to you; the white man must be rescued."

Incredible? Yet Johnson was to be hounded for his audacity at winning the championship throughout his career. He flouted convention, was a great womanizer, married four wives, three of them white. He made and lost small fortunes, adored fast cars, enjoyed his pleasures, had some skirmishes with the law. Yet George Dixon had a white wife and did not have to endure what Johnson endured. Johnson had to fight for what should have been his right. Probably he was his own worst enemy, for while he was cheerful, happy-go-lucky, a friend to those in need, he also flaunted his nonconformity, boasted, taunted his opponents (often with derisive gestures), which certainly did nothing to endear him to those who censured him. He should not have had to fight Jeffries in order to establish his claim to the world championship and Jeff, finally lured out of retirement, rued the day, though he made a bundle. Although the great crowd at Reno, numbering such famous sporting names as John L. Sullivan, Fitzsimmons, Sharkey, Ketchel, and on, cheered Jeffries for his grit and supreme effort, Johnson hit him at will, and finally put an end to the punishment in the fifteenth round. Even then, he was not immune to slanders of doping Jeffries.

News of Johnson's victory triggered riots between blacks and whites. The showing of the film was banned—the real reason for the passage of the law prohibiting interstate transportation of fight films. That law was not revoked until July 1, 1940, under Roosevelt.

One is struck by parallels between Johsnon's career and Ali's: Galveston, Louisville; both deprived of practicing their profession of boxing; both forced to defend their titles in a foreign land (for Johnson, Paris and, eventually, Havana, for Ali, Toronto for the Terrell fight). Ali-Liston II was forced out of Boston to Lewston, Maine, Johson-Jeffries out of San Francisco to Reno. Both were "prize fighters turned preachers", though Johnson preached the Golden Rule rather than proselytizing for a church or sect. And, of course, there are the more obvious similarities: the beauty of face and body, the personal magnetism and charisma, the flamboyance, the gift of gab—both "mouth fighters!" Each had his retinue and mulitple marriages, and both were ever ready with a helping hand. Even their boxing prowess had for its main characteristic magnificent defense and counter-punching. In many ways, they could have been twins. The big difference was the era—both did what they believed in, but the times were different. Now it's fashionable. . . .Ali, now, is in the right place at the right time.

Alice Wirth Grey writes how her father, Louis Wirth, was approached to ghost the book with Johsnon. The publishers' search had not been easy because it was *not* fashionable for a white man to work in such close relationship with a black. Such collaboration was a wish close to Wirth's heart and ideals, and the partnership proceeded. It must have been an odd sight, the little (5'2) white scholar deep in conversation with the huge black as they walked along. And the style is pure, flowery Johnson, beginning with Chapter I:"I Take My Pen in Hand." Johnson, who was often represented with a Dixie accent, spoke not only faultless English but French and Spanish as well, quaint and old fashioned as it might be (he refers to his wife as "Mrs. Johnson", or "Miss Cameron", or Miss Whoever).

I'm glad Gilbert Odd brought this book, unavailable for so many years, back into print. You don't have to believe it all—Johnson was never noted for accurate detail—and Mr. Odd makes several kindly corrections in footnotes, to say nothing of a fine preface, afterword and appendices. In some instances they tell more than the actual book. I wonder why he left out the introductory article by Mrs. Irene Johnson that was in the original editon, so loving and fiercely defensive. I can see why he edited out Johnson's chapter including nutrition, though. I do think Jack went a bit overboard on the benefits of bananas.

Odd has come to rate Johnson as the greatest of heavyweight champions, a view shared by Nat Fleishcer. I submit some others:

Ring Magazine–Joe Louis
Nat Loubet–Joe Louis
Muhammad Ali–Muhammad Ali

And I quote from "A Champ Recalls," an article in the July, 1946, issue of *Ring Magazine* by Jack Johnson himself, just before he crashed to his death in one of his loved motorcars:

"Who was the greatest heavyweight of all time?

Did I win from the Ghost of a Great Champion?

Was I a better all-around fighter than Jeffries?

Could I have whipped the Jeff who beat Fitzsimmons and Corbett and Sharkey?

Would that great left, which Tex Rickard always thought was the finest in all ring history, have stopped me as it did Gentleman

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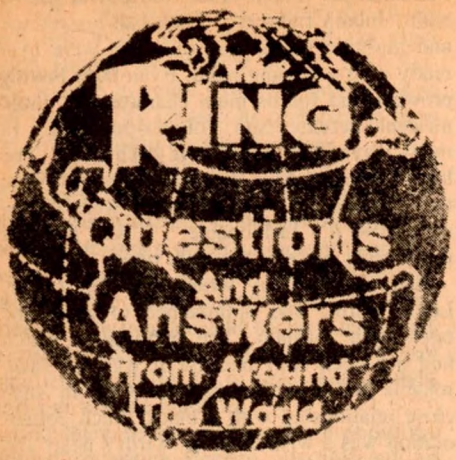

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Q. Do you think that if Muhammad Ali alters his fighting plan the next time, he could beat Spinks? Or has age finally taken its toll on Ali? Also, how do you think Spinks would do against Ken Norton?

Edgar Montoya,
Torrance, Calif.

A. There's no doubt Ali will watch films of his last fight with Spinks before they meet again. The age factor is always something to be considered and many boxing "experts" have said it was Ali's undoing. That remains to be seen in the next fight. As for Ken Norton, we feel sure Spinks. If he fights in the same style as the night he beat Ali, would be dangerous against any heavyweight in the world.

Q. If Rocky Marciano had fought George Chuvalo, do you think he would have been the fighter to floor George??

John Romankewiz,
Lansing, Mich.

A. Its hard to predict what would have happened. However, Marciano was one of the hardest hitting heavyweights in the sport. Chuvalo had a reputation of taking hard punches. But if they had met, I would be inclined to pick Rocky.

Q. I have heard stories about ring oddities, the latest being a fighter who was knocked out, yet was declared the winner. Is there a record of such a ring happening? I have bet a few bucks it never happened.

Dan Donovan,
Plainview, N.Y.

A. You lose. It did happen. It was at Braves Field, Boston in 1923. Where Jim Maloney tangled with King Solomon. The ring had been put up on the afternoon of the fight and nobody had thought to test the gong or bell. The pair were fighting furiously in the third round and the King was having the better of it. Suddenly, he staggered Maloney with a right. The bell sounded ending the round. But Soloman could not have heard it. He let go another right and Jim went down, face first. In the confusion that followed, the referee pointed to Maloney stretched out on the canvas as the winner. He disqualified Solomon for hitting after the bell had rung. Truly a ring oddity.

Q. In the late 1940s and the early '50s, there was a pretty good lightweight named John L. Davis. Suddenly he dropped out of sight and never got a title shot. What happened to him?

A. Davis was a "good" lightweight. Ike Williams was the champion, Freddy Dawson was ranked behind him and then came Davis in the April, 1951 ring ratings. He faught a draw with Eddie Giosa on March 23, 1951 and was forced to hang up his gloves after that bout because of a detached retina. The sport of boxing had lost one of its top perfomers.

Q. Could you please tell me the career records of Kallie Knoetzee and Gerrie Coetzee. Also, who is the current heavyweight champion of South Africa and Canada?

Matt Newgarden
Old Saybrook, Conn.

A. Gerrie Coetzee is recognized as the South African heavyweight champion. His record is 19-0-0. Kallie Knoetze's record is 15-2-0. His first loss was on a foul to Raoul Gerosito in five and his only decision loss was to Coetzee over ten rounds on Oct. 30, 1976. George Chuvalo is the Canadian heavyweight champion.

Q. Has British heavyweight Joe Bugner retired and is Jerry Quarry planning to continue his comeback?

Joe Gibson,
Springfield, Ohio.

A. Joe Bugner lost to Ron Lyle on March 20, 1977 and has not fought since, although there has been no official retirement notice. Jerry Quarry was inactive in 1976 after being stopped by Ken Norton in March, 1975. He scored a ninth round kayo over Lorenzo Zanon in Nov. 1977, and has not fought since that bout. His plans are indefinite.

Q. After watching Mate Parlov win the WBC light heavyweight title, and become the first fighter from a Communist country to win a professional title, I am puzzled as how a big country like Russia, with such good amatuer boxers, has never had a professional I can recalled in any weight class. What is the reason? Also, down through the years, I have heard the name of Harlem Tommy Murphy mentioned. I know he was an old boxer but what was his weight and record?

Howard Griffin,
Malone, N.Y.

A. Russia had produced many talented amateur boxers. However, the professional game is considered a capitalistic endeavor and Russia does not permit its athletes to perform professionally. Harlem Tommy Murphy was one of the old school of fighting Irishmen. Murphy, a featherweight, will long be remembered for his thrilling battles with Frankie Neil, Abe Attel Matty Balwin. Benny Yanger, George Dixon, Young Corbett, Bert Keyes, Pal Moore, Leach Cross, Owen Moran and Ad Walgast, among others. Tommy was at his peak in 1910. In that year he defeated his old rival, Moran, in a sensational twenty-rounder. And before the year had ended, he gave Abe Attell a drubbing on two occasions among other outstanding victories. One well off financially, Murphy found it necessary to call for aid in the early '50s. He was placed in the Brooklyn State Hospital in 1951 after a long illness. He fought many no decision bouts in his career, which started in 1903 and ended in 1914. He was ko'd by Terry McGovern in a one round in Philadelphia in 1905 and also by K.O. Brown in their second meeting, in New York in 1911. He won 19 of his fights by knockouts.

Q. I hear a lot about Ace Hudkins knocking out Ruby Goldstein in New York in 1926. Did he ever fight Sgt. Sammy Baker and what was the outcome?

James Buff,
Syracuse, N.Y.

A. Yes, Hudkins met Sgt. Sammy Baker three times. In 1927, Baker stopped Hudkins in seven rounds. A month later, Hudkins won a ten-round decision. He beat Baker in ten rounds a year later.

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A VOTE FOR MARCIANO

I'm answering Donn Wayne Bridges' letter about Rocky Marciano. I am one who has more facts about the Rock than you have about yourself. It is a fact that Rocky could never have been knocked out in his life. He had too much of a killer instinct. He fought to kill and not to show off to the crowd like "The Mouth" (Ali). And furthermore, Joe Louis was knocked out once by Max Schmeling and also by Rocky Marciano. If he was so great, why didn't he beat Schmeling the first time? Sure, Louis had a strong left jab. He said himself he never could have beaten Rocky by a K.O., even in his prime. Rocky was too indomitable. It also wasn't his fault that all the top contenders were old. He would have destroyed them in their prime, too. When I saw Rocky in a computerized fight against Ali, he looked great for not having fought in so many years. He proved that he still could do it. Rocky lost 30 pounds training for that fight. Ali could never do that. If that were a real fight, Rocky could have beaten Ali. Many others think the same way. So, if I were you, I would keep my big mouth shut and respect the late, great Rock Marciano.

Randy Ray,
Fremont, Calif.

LIKES PACKY CARUSO

I am working as a manager for an apartment complex in Albuerque, New Mexico and I'm taking time to write on behalf of my fellow workers. We would like to give praise to your comic strip, Packy Caruso. Every week the kids living in our complex raid local news stands to buy copies of *Ring* Magazine, then sit out in front of the office to read them. One day I went out to see what all the fuss was about. Well, it was Packy Caruso all right. They just couldn't wait to see what was going on with Packy and Ace. After taking a look at it, I was fascinated by the detailed drawings of the artist. After reading it, I got interested then and there. I've been reading it ever since and so have my boss and the other employees. We truly enjoy it. Our only gripe is that there are so few pages. It would seem to me that something that good should have more space. Please take our idea into consideration, I think it will improve your circulation. If not, you've got us hooked on it, anyway.

Mr. & Mrs. Eric Emord,
Alburquerque, New Mexico

SAD DAY FOR BOXING

On the 18th of March something called the World Boxing Council stripped World heavyweight champion Leon Spinks of half of his title. That is sad enough, but what is sadder is the fact that the WBC gave it to Ken Norton which is a disgrace to the game. Leon Spinks defeated Muhammad Ali on Feb. 15, making him the rightful titleholder. Usually, there is a tournament but not this time. Politics is killing boxing. I hope Suliaman, president of the WBC and Norton are happy for screwing the game up a little more, and for disrupting the grandest prize of all. Ken Norton must swallow hard because in my book, he's a phony champion and a cheese champ. Not once in the history of boxing has this happened. Norton has been given a gift. He had two cracks at the title before and was literally destroyed by Foreman and soundly outpointed by Ali. I hope Norton's happy because all his crying has paid off. The ring boxing fans know who the real world champion is. It is Leon Spinks who will fight Muhammad Ali on Sept. 15. I predict Ali will definitely rewin the heavyweight campionship of the world for a third time. To the Norton fans all over the world, you were always hoping Ali would fight Norton a fourth time. But mildly and realistically, Ali doesn't owe Norton a damn thing. Boxing owes Ali more than he owes boxing.

Nick Maltese,
Warren, Mich.

DISLIKES ROPE-A-DOPE

Ali just isn't all that great. The famous rope-a-dope of his is called: chicken. If he had used it on Joe Louis, or any other champ of yore, the referee would have disqualified him for outright cowardice, that's what it was called then. Ali fans should wake up. Ask Ruby Goldstein what he would have done during the Louis era. I know what the answer is. Tell 'em Ruby Goldstein, please do.

Wide Awake
Denver, Colo.

LIKED OUR ARTICLE

Thanks a million on the nice article you had in the April, 1978 Ring Magazine about the colored champions. I agree 100% of what you said, they were all great, or, let's say, supermen. There wasn't anything handed to them on a silver platter. I also agree that Ali might have beaten Joe Louis. Joe always had trouble with a good boxer, say like Farr, Pappy Walcott, Conn, Schmeling and the South American, Arturo Godoy. I enjoy reading Ring Magazine. I have been reading it for many years. Two great ones omitted in the article were Joe Walcott, the Barbadoes Demon and the immortal Sam Langford. Everyone feared Walcott. 50 years ago or more, I used to read the U.S. sport pages. The writeups of Sam Levy used to tell how great Joe was in the ring. Before his bout started, he would walk around the ring and point at opponents like Corbett, Fitzsimmons, Thomas Sharkey and many other heavyweights, and challenge them to a fight. No one ever wanted any part of him.

And, last, the one you did not mention probably because he never was a champion, Sam Langford, the greatest, Sam Langford, the six times uncrowned champion, had he been given the opportunity. From featherweight on up to heavyweight, everyone was afraid of him. The only way Sam could catch up with them was before or after they were champions, or overweight matches. The late Nat Fleischer once wrote that the critics always said Johnson always dodged Sam. But Fleischer thought Johnson was too big a man for Sam. But he did say what would have happened if Sam ran into Tommy Burns. So much for that. Thanks again for the nice writeups. A job well done.

Louis Rohmeyer,
Wi Rapids, Wisc.

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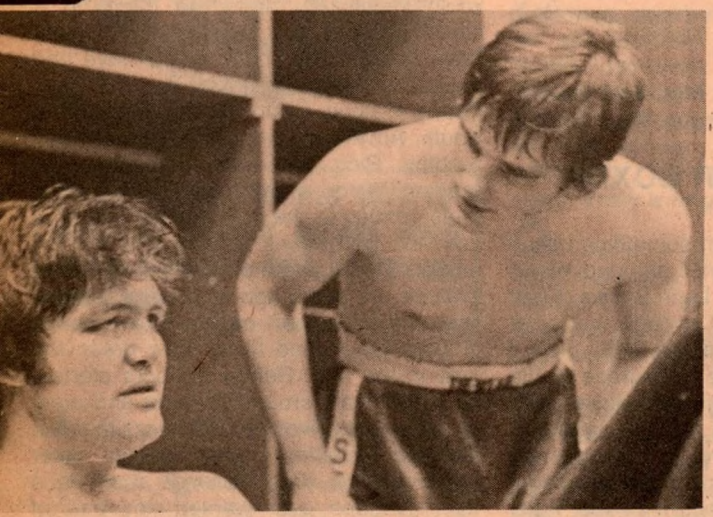
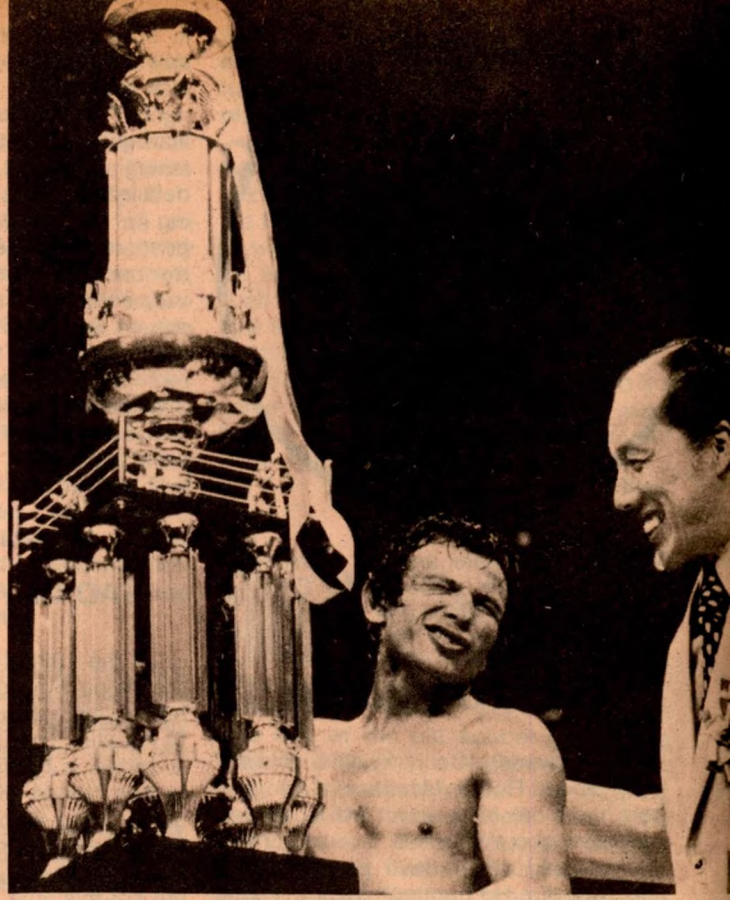
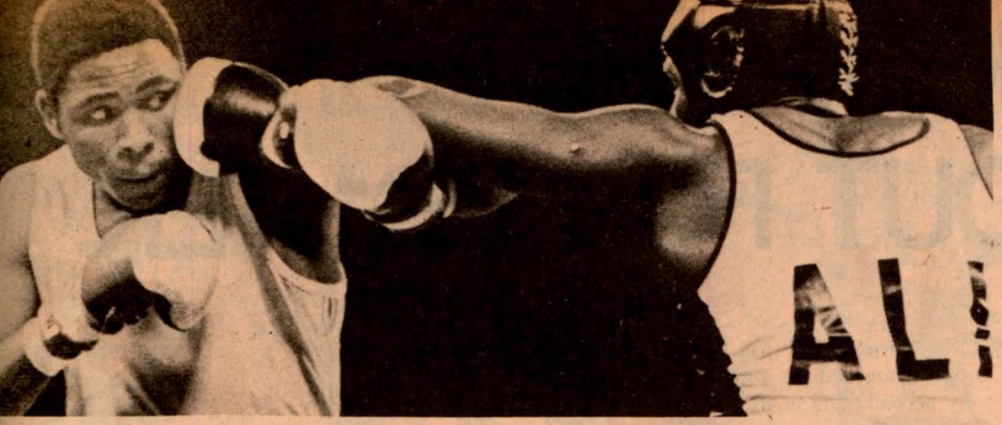


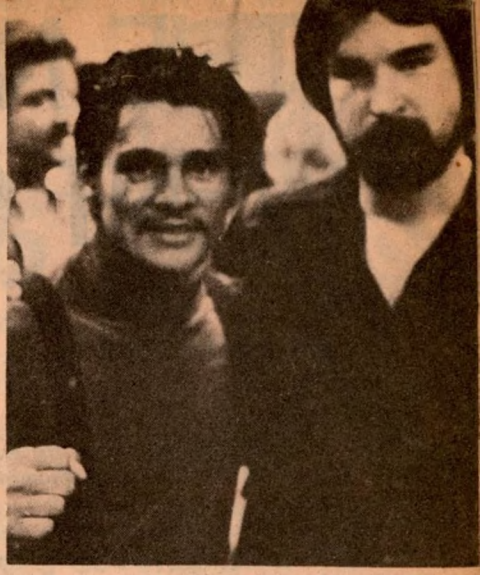
Featherweight contender Sean O'Grady inspects damage sustained by heavyweight Ron Stander after each fighter had scored victories on recent Omaha fight card.



Mexico's Miguel Canto winks at Soji Nagatini, vice president of Nagatanien Food Co., after being presented with a trophy from the company following his successful defense of WBC flyweight title against Japanese challenger Shoji Oguma.

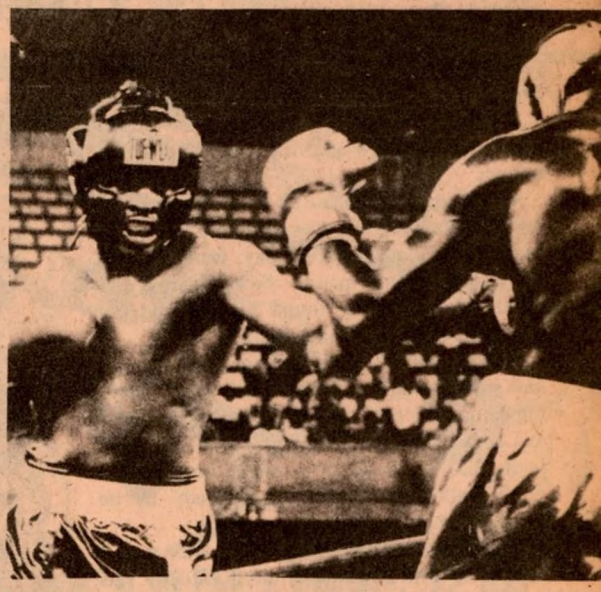
TV actress Christy McNichol shows her brother Jimmy, and former heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali her pugilistic style as Ali signs copy of 45 RPM record that the McNichols recently released.



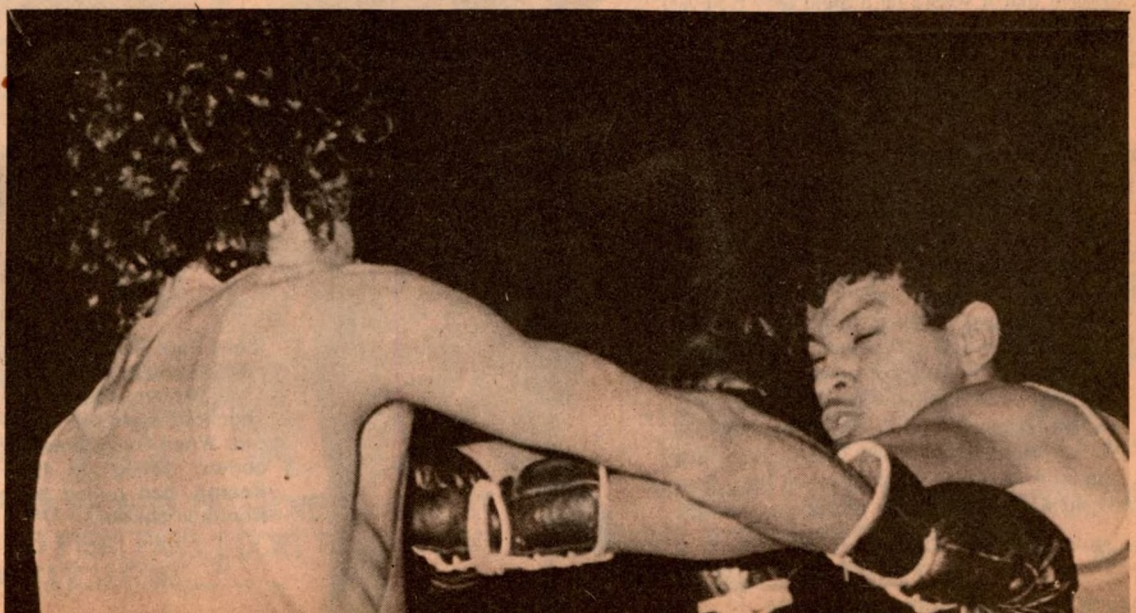


(Above) Tony Tubbs of Pasadena, Calif. wears an Ali shirt as he taps Gregory Page, Louisville, Ky., during National AAU heavyweight finals at Biloxi, Miss. The shirt didn't help. Page won.

(Right) Roberto Duran poses with Bob Lowery, nationally known artist who does work for Ring Magazine, following his fight with Adolfo Viruet at Madison Square Garden recently.



(Left) Referee kneels over still form of Philadelphia boxer Ruben Lopez, Indianapolis middleweight, as Sammy McSmith, left, and an unidentified fan celebrate a second round knockout by hopping around the ring in photo at left. (Above) World heavyweight champion Leon Spinks is ready to tee off on Leroy Diggs in their three-round exhibition bout at Santo Domingo.



Venezuelan super lightweight boxing entry Nelson Rodriguez slams a hard left to the body of Kakouris of Greece during second round action in Boxam 78 Boxing Tournament. Rodriguez won on points.

THE NIGHT THE LIGHTS WENT OUT FOR WALKER

By LOUIS ZIPKIN

It was May 16, 1930, the eve of the Kentucky Derby and the Louisville promoters had put together an attractive card featuring Mickey Walker, former middleweight champion of the world, and one of the all time greats, who was invading the heavyweight division. Opposing him was a powerful heavyweight, Paul Swiderski, who was himself trying to rise as a championship contender.

Unknown to the average fan, Swiderski had been Walker's sparring partner the year before.

Thinking that he had an easy match coming up, Walker, who was known to do some fancy celebrating in his heyday, went out on a spree before the match. Jack Kearns and Teddy Hayes finally found Mickey and got him into shape to go into the ring.

Harry Lenny, who managed Swiderski, had steered Paul into this match after watching him work out, with Walker several times. Lenny, a great teacher, had Paul, a 6 ft. 3 inch, 220 lb. brute of a man, tough and a good right hand puncher, as ready as he would ever be.

The only catch in the match was that it was to be a no-decision affair. Kentucky was one of the few remaining states left that ran these bouts. If the affair went the distance there would be no decision. Only if there was a k.o. could there be a winner. Knowing this and sensing Walker's condition, Lenny sent Swiderski out for a quick finish. Little did the fans who attended that night suspect that it would be a night they'd never forget!

The bell sounded for the first round and Walker walked out on wobbly legs to the center of the ring. Swiderski met him with the first punch, a terrific right hand, flush on the chin. Walker fell like a dead man. Swiderski turned to go to a neutral corner and into the startled referee, knocking him over. In the confusion, it took a good five seconds before Paul reached the neutral corner and the count started. It was the only thing that saved Walker from being a sure K.O. victim with the first punch of the fight!

Somehow, Walker got up at the count of nine and was promptly floored again with another vicious right. Swiderski floored Walker eight times in the first round which abrubtly ended with Walker on the floor when the bell rang. The timekeeper was the most astonished man in the arena. (He hadn't touched the gong and there were thirty seconds left in the round.) Jack Kearns, fearing the end was near, had reached over and hit the gong with a water bottle.

Swiderski, angry at what he saw happening, ran across the ring to swing at Walker. Teddy Hayes, upon hearing the bell, jumped into the ring to take care of Walker and took a swipe at Swiderski, whereupon, Harry Lenny, a former fighter and a great one, at that, jumped into the ring and flattened Hayes. Walker, probably thinking he was in

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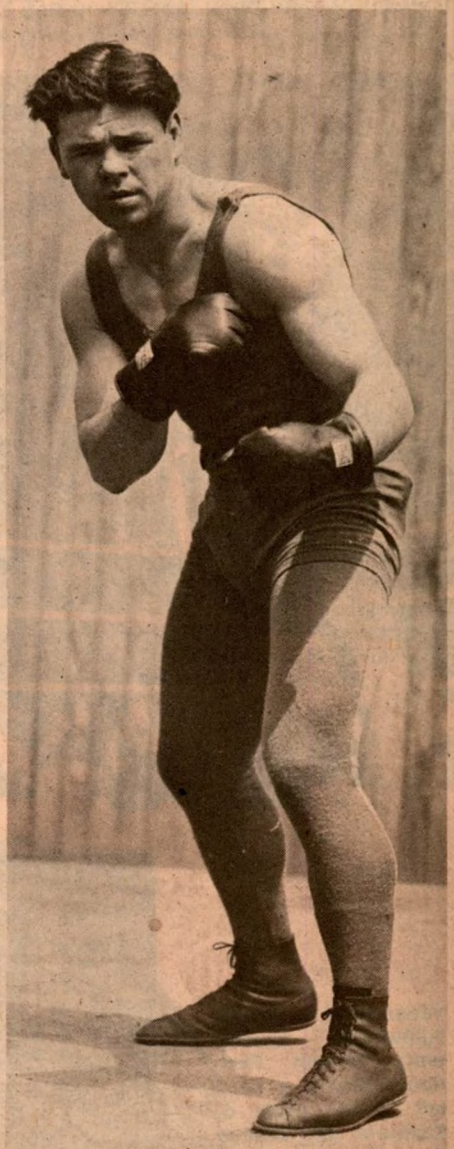

(Left) Paul Swiderski, heavyweight of Harry Lenny's stable, poleaxed Mickey in Louisville on May 16, 1930. (Above) Champ Walker, who was saved from a knockout when the lights in the arena suddenly went out. When they came back on, he was found in his corner, sitting on his stool. His manager, Doc Kearns, had pulled the power switch to save him from a knockout.

PACKY CARUSO & ACE HAWKINS

ILLUSTRATION BY GABE PERILLO STORY BY RICH CAGGIANO

IN THE CENTER OF THE RING, NOSE TO NOSE, ALI BABA THREATENS PACKY, "YOU SING LIKE A CANARY CARUSO, A YELLOW CANARY. YOU YELLOW CARUSO! IM GONNA SHOVE THAT YELLOW CANARY DOWN YOUR YELLOW THROAT!" PACKY JUST GLARES AT ALI BABA, AND AWAITS THE BELL

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NEXT MONTH "WHO'S DOWN!"

UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

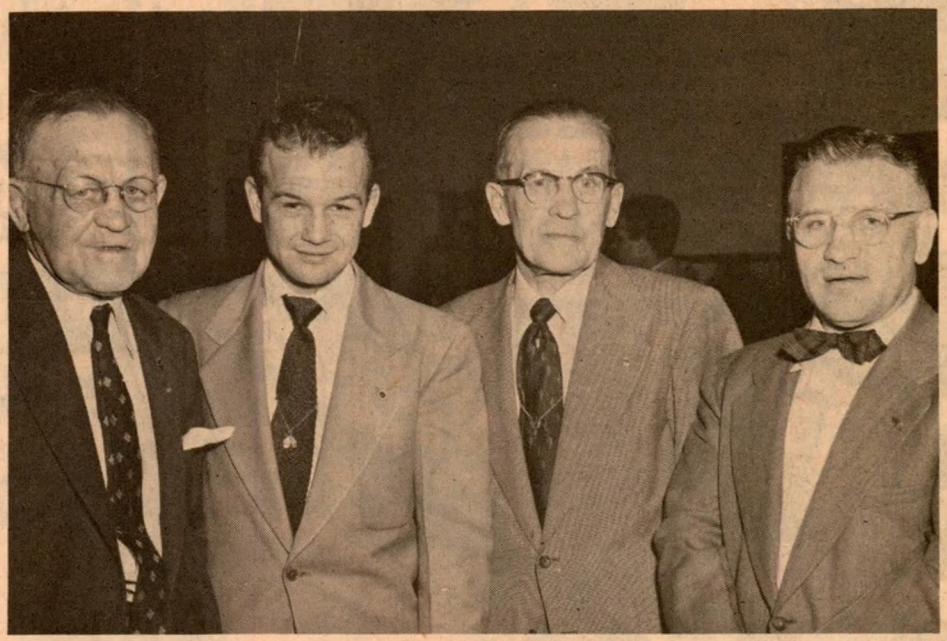
IN our *Ring* story, July edition, we spoke of George Chip, former middleweight champion, a great performer, his brother Joe, and his fine manager, Jimmy Dime. We also dwelled at length on Lou Bogash, who recently passed away, speaking of his performances. Bogash met them all, often going out of his class. Those were the days when Bridgeport was very much alive and many stars from other spots, like Nathan Mann, who came from New Haven, performed in that locale. Mann eventually was one of the men to fight Joe Louis and get flattened in three rounds for the heavyweight crown.

Chip's meeting in Bridgeport with Sailor Grande was a masterpiece. It went fourteen rounds, with the New Castle man halting the courageous Grande in a fight marked by free slugging. Chip also fought on foreign soil. He was stopped by the great Les Darcy. George never avoided an issue. The pay nights were small but they covered the fight scene with notable combats. While brother Joe never reached the heights, he also covered himself with glory. And here and now we say that Jimmy Dime was a standout as a manager with friends all over the country.

Bridgeport in those days was a principal fight center and ranked high among the municipalities that made up Connecticut. The fights there were numerous and hectic and during the reign of our pal, Com. Billy Prince, a great little scrapper in his day, many outstanding shows were staged in Bridgeport and surrounding Nutmeg State cities like New Haven, that had a populae fistic emporium known as the Arroa.

Among those George Chip met in his heyday were the famous Gibbons brothers, Tom, the light heavyweight, and Mike, the middleweight. The story of the middleweights during the Chip regime is a saga in itself that still stands out of the glorious past. During one year George Chip tangled with both Gibbons brothers. Tom went on to compete against such stars as Jack Dempsey, the heavyweight champion, a scrap staged in Shelby, Mont., which was refereed by the late Baron of Leipersville, Jimmy Dougherty. That was the fifteen-rounder that broke the town's two outstanding banks.

Brother Mike was close but never did win the middleweight crown. Not that he lacked the tools. He never got the chance. One of his notable tangles was a catchweight affair with Packey McFarland, an over-sized lightweight, in a ten round catchweight go down in Coney Island, which was a pretty scientific get together.



George Chip, Elmer Lakatos, Joe Chip, and Al Wolgast in the 1950s. George died in New Castle, Pa. on November 6, 1960.

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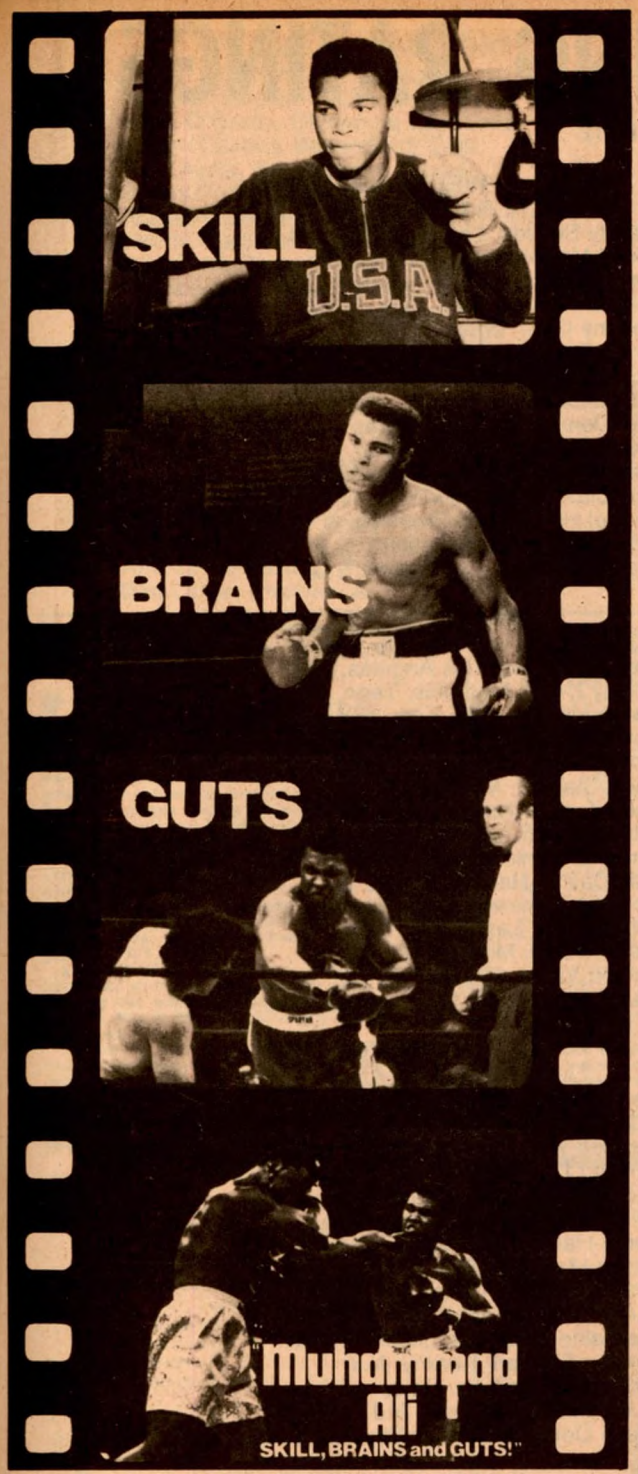
Had a telephone call from an old boxing pal, Bobby F. Ruffin, who was quite a competitor in his days as a lightweight. Truth to tell, his father, Teddy Hubbs, out of Trenton, N.J., was great in his heyday and Bobby was as full of action as his late father. But what Ruffin did during his activity is remembered. He is the only man in boxing history who ever walked out of an arena before a scheduled fight. That was when he was booked with Beau Jack, who later became lightweight boss, when they were matched for a ten spot in the now defunct Garden at 8th Avenue & 49th St.

Bobby became peeved and just got dressed and took himself for a walk. They finally found him wandering along Ninth Avenue and he went back, got dressed again and on Oct. 4, 1943, and believe it or not he got a ten round duke over Beau Jack, who the following year captured the light weight crown from Bob Montgomery, the recognized title holder. That was one eventful evening. But speaking of Bobby Ruffin, who until recently was a member of Uncle Sam's post office gang, he is now successfully employed in the Wall Street and very happy. The name The First Boston Corp., at 60 Exchange Place. Robert still lives on Long Island and one of the few men still around on the old Broadway beat.

While we're on the subject of Bobby Ruffin and Papa Hubbs, there were other father and sons combine in boxing years back. The most famous was Bob Fitzsimmons, the freckled face wonder, and his son Young Bob, who became a successful real estate man in New Jersey and Florida. Bob, incidentally, was the only man ever to win the middleweight, then heavyweight and then the world's light heavyweight crown.

Not overlooking another oddity among the Goliaths, which involved the former heavyweight king, Jersey Joe Walcott, who had the distinction of having knocked off a father and son combination. Joe knocked out Papa Phil Johnson in three rounds in Philadelphia on June 22, 1936 and then kayoed his son, Harold, in three rounds in Philly on Nov. 8, 1950. Jersey Joe eventually captured Ezzard Charles' crown by a seven round kayo in Pittsburgh on July 18, 1951. Those were the days.



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3—Jimmy Young, Philadelphia, Pa.
4—Ron Lyle, Denver, Colo.
5—Duane Bobick, Bowlus, Minn.
6—Earnie Shavers, Warren, Ohio
7—Randy Stephens, Dallas, Texas
8—Stan Ward, Sacramento, Calif.
9—Scott LeDoux, Minneapolis, Minn.
10—Leroy Jones, Denver, Colo.
11—Dino Dennis, Attleboro, Mass.
12—Boone Kirkman, Seattle, Wash.
13—Jerry Quarry, Los Angeles, Calif.
14—Ozzie Ocasio, Puerto Rico
15—Ibar Arrington, Seattle, Wash.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT

*ALVARO (YAQUI) LOPEZ, Stockton, Calif.

1—Mike Rossman, Turnersville, N.J.
2—Matt Franklin, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—Eddie Gregory, Brooklyn, N.Y.
4—Bobby Cassidy, Brentwood, L.I., N.Y.
5—Vonzell Johnson, Columbus, Ohio
6—Richie Kates, Brighton, N.J.
7—Jerry Celestine, New Orleans, La.
8—Jessie Burnett, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—Mike Spinks, St. Louis, Mo.
10—Pete McIntyre, San Diego, Calif.
11—Marvin Johnson, Indianapolis, Ind.
12—Danny Brewer, Chicago, Ill.
13—Marvin Camel, Missoula, Mont.
14—Pat Cuillo, Buffalo, N.Y.
15—Matt Ross, Billerica, Mass.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

*MARVIN HAGLER, Brockton, Mass.

1—Ronnie Harris, Akron, Ohio
2—Mike Colbert, Portland, Ore.
3—David Love, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Bennie Briscoe, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—Tony Chiaverini, Kansas City, Mo.
6—Roy Dale, Cincinnati, Ohio
7—Edgar Wallace, Phoenix, Ariz.
8—Ray Seales, Tacoma, Wash.
9—Willie Warren, Houston, Texas
10—Milton Owens, Orlando, Fla.
11—Casey Gacic, Cleveland, Ohio
12—George Cooper, Oakland, Calif.
13—Erwin Williams, Los Angeles, Calif.
14—Leo Saenz, Baltimore, Md.
15—Keith Broom, Washington, D.C.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

*BILLY BACKUS, Syracuse, N.Y.

1—Edgar Ross, Orlando, Fla.
2—Alvin Anderson, Baltimore, Md.
3—Ray Phillips, Dallas, Texas
4—Mike Baker, Washington, D.C.
5—Kevin Morgan, Las Vegas, Nev.
6—Carlos DeLeon, Puerto Rico
7—Johnny Heard, Chicago, Ill.
8—Ralph Palladin, Baltimore, Md.
9—Johnny Sullivan, Portland, Ore.
10—Leroy Green, Kansas City, Mo.
11—Larry Bonds, Denver, Colo.
12—Rocky Mosley Jr., Las Vegas, Nev.
13—Joey Vincent, Orlando, Fla.
14—Jackie Smith, Boston, Mass.
15—Freddy Johnson, New Orleans, La.

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WELTERWEIGHTS

*PETE RANZANY, Sacramento, Calif.

1—Randy Shields, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Floyd Mayweather, Detroit, Mich.
3—Armando Muniz, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Harold Weston, New York, N.Y.
5—Johnny Gant, Washington, D.C.
6—Andy Price, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Scott Clark, Orlando, Fla.
8—Ray Leonard, Baltimore, Md.
9—Mel Dennis, Houston, Texas
10—Angel Espadas, Puerto Rico
11—Ray Hammond, New York, N.Y.
12—Arcadio Suarez, New York, N.Y.
13—Miguel Hernandez, Brooklyn, N.Y.
14—Ken Crooms, Los Angeles, Calif.
15—Marvin Jenkins, Charleston, S.C.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

*BRUCE CURRY, Los Angeles, Calif.

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3—Saoul Mamby, New York, N.Y.
4—Tony Petronelli, Brockton, Mass.
5—Jimmy Corkum, Boston, Mass.
6—Larry Stanton, Merrick, L.I, N.Y.
7—John Turner, New York, N.Y.
8—Vic Abraham, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—Anthony Daniels, Fairmonth, W. Va.
10—Luis Davila, Hartford, Conn.
11—Robert Vasquez, Corpus Christi, Texas
12—Johnny Lira, Las Vegas, Nev.
13—Rick Folstad, Minneapolis, Minn.
14—Adolph Viruet, Puerto Rico
15—Rudy Hernandez, Los Angeles, Calif.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

*ANDREW GANIGAN, Honolulu, Hawaii

1—Esteban DeJesus, Puerto Rico
2—Edwin Viruet, Puerto Rico
3—Termite Watkins, Houston, Texas
4—Howard Davis, Glen Cove, L.I., N.Y.
5—Aaron Pryor, Cincinnati, Ohio
6—Willie Rodriguez, Allentown, Pa.
7—Leroy Haley, Las Vegas, Nev.
8—Josue Marquez, Puerto Rico
9—Enrique Solis, Puerto Rico
10—Ruby Ortiz, Brooklyn, N.Y.
11—Reynaldo Zaragoza, Stockton, Calif.
12—Johnny Sullivan, Kearny, N.J.
13—Billy Parks, Denver, Colo.
14—Rufus Miller, Paterson, N.J.
15—Steve Dement, Bossier City, La.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

*ALFREDO ESCALERA, Puerto Rico

1—Frankie Baltazar, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Walter Seeley, Sayville, L.I., N.Y.
3—Arturo Leon, Phoenix, Ariz.
4—Warren Matthews, New Orleans, La.
5—Bobby Chacon, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Greg Coverson, Seattle, Wash.
7—Luke Ervin, Jersey City, N.J.
8—Roy Hernandez, San Antonio, Texas
9—Beto Nunez, Phoenix, Ariz.
10—Hilbert Stevenson, Winston-Salem, N.C.
11—Francisco Villegas, Puerto Rico
12—Manuel Lujan, Los Angeles, Calif.
13—Alex Alatore, Los Angeles, Calif.
14—Raymond Roman, Puerto Rico
15—Rene Silva, Los Angeles, Calif.

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*DANNY LOPEZ, Los Angeles, Calif.
1—Richard Rozelle, Columbus, Ohio
2—Sean O'Grady, Oklahoma City, Okla.
3—Ruben Castillo, Bakersfield, Calif.
4—Mike Ayala, San Antonio, Texas
5—Jimmy Farrell, Rockland, Mass.
6—Alberto Collazo, Pittsburgh, Pa.
7—Jimmy Martinez, Clovis, N.M.
8—Ronnie McGarvey, Baltimore, Md.
9—Jerome Artis, Philadelphia, Pa.
10—Augie Pantellas, Philadelphia, Pa.
11—Herman Montes, Los Angeles, Calif.
12—Gerald Hayes, East Orange, N.J.
13—William Berry, Trenton, N.J.
14—Jose Resendez, Los Angeles, Calif.
15—Billy Alexander, New York, N.Y.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

*WILFREDO GOMEZ, Puerto Rico
1—Frank Duarte, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Alberto Davila, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Andres Hernandez, Puerto Rico
4—Earl Large, Phoenix, Ariz.
5—Artemio Jeronimo, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Ignacio Osorio, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Baby Kid Chocolate, Philadelphia, Pa.
8—Jeff Chandler, Philadelphia, Pa.
9—Oscar Muniz, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Andres Torres, Puerto Rico
11—Jose Rosa, Puerto Rico
12—Sergio Reyes, Los Angeles, Calif.
13—Armando Franco, Los Angeles, Calif.
14—Santiago Hernandez, San Diego, Calif.
15—Juan Garcia, Los Angeles, Calif.

FLYWEIGHTS

*ALBERTO SANDOVAL, Los Angeles, Calif.
1—Jose Ortiz, Puerto Rico
2—Joey Olivio, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Salvatore Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Freddy Gonzalez, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—D. C. Cunningham, Cincinnati, Ohio
6—David Ramahlo, Lowell, Mass.
7—Willie Jansen, Las Vegas, Nev.
8—Mario Chavez, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—Orlando Maldonado, Puerto Rico
10—Raul Pecheco, Los Angeles, Calif.

IN OLDE NEW ENGLAND

By DON HAMILL

During the past year, there has been a tremendous boom in amateur boxing throughout New England, expecially in Maine, Connecticut and Massachusetts. This is great, for it is from the amateur ranks that we get most of the professionals. During the past month, two of Maine's amateur shows were headed by pro bouts. The results for the month follows:

▲LEWISTON — Multi-Purpose Center — Robertito Colon, 140, Lawrence, continued his winning ways by quickly disposing of Danny Butts, 140, Portland, in the first round of the four-round pro main event over an otherwise amateur show. Colon, who only recently came into the area, represented Puerto Rico in the Pan-Am games in 1975.

▲WATERVILLE ARMORY — Vergilios Avilles, 128, Lawrence, who also only recently came into this area knocked out willing but outclassed Dana Kniight, 131, Oakland, Me., in the fifth round of a scheduled six-round main event.

In other pro bouts, Don Bickford, 147, Skowhegan, demolished Don Hackett, 149, Lawrence, in the first heat of a slated four spot: and Mike LaPointe, 230, Bangor, needed less than one round to score a clean knockout over Bob Ackers, 230, Waterville. Eleven amateur bouts rounded out the card.

▲WATERBURY ARMORY — Dave (Doc) Wilson, 204, Waterbury, Scored a clear cut ten-round unanimous decision over Joe Velmure, 239, Lowell. The fight followed the same pattern throughout. Wilson kept the fight at a distance as he hit and moved scoring with sharp punches few of which missed the target. Velmure occasionally pinned Wilson against the ropes, where he belabored him, but did not have the stamina to sustain an attack.

Chico Santos, 190, Waterbury, went to Don Halpin, 209, Lowell, with a vicious attack but Halpin weathered it and turned the tide dropping Santos twice. Santos climbed to his feet after the second knockdown but collapsed at which point Referee Lou Bogash, Jr., wisely called a halt. Greg Burdette, 168, Waterbury, turned it on late in the first round to batter Diego Robinson, 171, New Haven, to the canvas where he took the full count. Don Addison, 167, Waterbury, hammered Mike Williams, 163, Lowell, into submission in the second round. Charley Benjamin, 141, Hartford, iced Frank McFaline, 138, Lowell, in the first round with a left hook to the body. Felix Rodriguez, 113, Springfield, turned pro by stopping an inept George Martin (Manulian), 115, Lynn, in the second round of their four heater.

▲LOWELL — Memorial Auditorium — Matty Ross, 171, Billerica, successfully defended his New England light-heavyweight title and atoned for a knockout defeat suffered last month when he scored a convincing knockout over Otis Gordon, 172, Hartford, in the fourth round. The bout ended suddenly with Ross slightly ahead on points. A left hook in the fourt session dropped Gordon, who appeared to have shaken the effects of the punch. A right to the jaw sagged him into the ropes where a follow-up left hook stretched him onto the ring apron out cold.

GOSS SHOWS RUST IN COMEBACK WIN

By TED LARVE

TRENTON, N.J. — Sammy Goss, former rated jr. lightweight contender, tried a comeback the other night and squeaked out a narrow eight round decision.

His oppone,t Michael Frazier of Philadelphia, had only seven pro bouts.

Frazier gave Goss all he could handle, coming close to putting Sammy down in the final round.

Goss rallied in the final minute to pull out the round and the fight.

In other bouts on the card, John Glover of Trenton and Jimmy Washington of Phila., fought to a draw.

Undefeated Joe Tiberi of Vineland, N.J. stopped Jesse Barkley and Pedro LeBron scored a TKO over Keith Bennett, both of Phila.

The semi-final had Billy Abel of Phila. winning a decision over Carlos Duprey.

The bouts were held at Notre Dame High School in Trenton and drew over 1,200 fans.

Two unusual aspects. The bouts were held on a Saturday afternoon and were promoted by young Denise Cariello. She is New Jersey's only female boxing promoter.

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"CAT" DAVIS, WOMAN BOXER, COULD BE START OF A NEW BREED

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Cat work. Most of our workouts are open. Cat will defend her title twice in the next three months, once at Tamiment Resort in Pa., and once in Stamford, Conn. Her opponents will be two of the top four in the Women's Boxing Federation list, which includes Connie Smith of Hawaii, Betty Rogers of Seattle, Andy Chandler of Arizona, and Baby James of Canada.

Another interesting point is that Cat has been the main event over males on the same card in such places as Portland, Maine and Providence, RI. In Conn., the male fighters didn't mind, because they knew she can fight and deserves to have top billing. She is the Champ. I have had managers asking to get their fighters on her undercard.

We are always looking for new women fighters, but only if they are willing to work as hard as Cat does. Cat Davis fan clubs are starting in all areas of the country.

Cat is drawing many women fans to the box office as well as men. Cat has given boxing the missing link between Ali and other fighters. We are most interested in fighting in overseas places such as Germany, Belgium, Italy, Australia, Japan, and South Africa. But most of all, we would like to fight in our own home state of New York. We have been informed by the New York State Athletic Commission that this is now possible.

Cat and I are saving for our future and we're looking forward to some day helping others. We have learned that in our case, business and pleasure do mix.

Cat has a tough schedule ahead of her this year, with fights already set for Tamiment Resort in Pa., Stamford, Conn, Portland, Maine, Las Vegas, and the West Coast. Then up to Canada.

JERRY CELESTINE FROM CONVICT TO LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT CONTENDER

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eventually earned the right to participate in the prison's Restitution Program, winning himself a job with a local company.

When asked about his future as a fighter, he smiles and says he'll take the title from the owner when he gets the chance. At twenty-eight he doesn't feel his age is a factor in his boxing career. "I keep getting better as time goes on. In fact, I'm better now than I've ever been," says Jerry. "I'm faster, I punch harder, I'm stronger and I have more endurance. I owe most of that to my trainer, Vincent Arnona." When questioned about what has been the driving force that has helped him to begin realizing his goal of becoming the champion, he points to Sheriff Charles C. Foti, Jr., who organized the Criminal Sheriff's Boxing Club. "He took a genuine interest in me as a person and athlete and gave me the encouragement to go after the title," says Celestine. Foti not only believed in him but thinks he has all the tools he needs to make it to the top. "I'll go so far as to issue a challenge to any of the top ten light heavyweights, says the sheriff, "Jerry will meet any of them, at any place they select, on any date they choose, and he'll come home the winner." Manager/head coach Leslie Bonano thinks Celestine is ready to begin his climb to the top. "He's got the heart and ability to take on any of the top ten and win," says Bonano, but he's quick to note, "The hardest thing we will come up against will be finding a fighter who will take Jerry on."

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DURAN SWARMS OVER ADOLFO VIRUET AT MSG

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these instances were too few and too far between for him to ever come near winning the fight. The judging by the officials had referee Arthur Mercante voting 7-2-1 (He took the 7th round away from Duran for low punching); Judge Tony Castellano had it 7-3 and Judge Artie Aidala 6-4 the writer had it 7-3.

The lightweight champion weighed 142 pounds to Viruet's 141½ and there were those who, prior to the fight, stated that Duran often fought badly when he came in heavy (over the lightweight limit). What fools these mortals be!

After the fight, Duran was asked to compare the two brothers and he said: "Edwin was much tougher. All Adolfo did tonight was to run and complain about my hitting him low blows. I've fought guys on a bicycle but this guy was on a motorcycle!"

Viruet felt that his inactivity over the past eighteen months had a lot to do with his ineffective showing. "Those low blows stopped me. . .my legs were dead from them. I couldn't seem to get off, but with a few more fights I could beat him".

The Panamanian champ, who is managed by the noted sportsman, Carlos Eleta of Panama, may meet Alex Arguello of Nicaragua, the WBC junior lightweight champ, in Madison Square Garden in the fall according to reports emanating from the Garden offices. However, those close to Arguello scoff at the possibility, pointing to the easy money pick ups by Arguello against "no danger" opponents. . . ."So why take a chance with Duran?" We'd bet that if the money is right the fight will be all right.

In another ten rounder, Vinnie Curto, Turnersville, New Jersey, a middleweight, subbing for the flu-ailing Vito Antuofermo, outran Puerto Rico's Willie Classin, who was unable to catch up with the fast moving Curto. The bout was judged a draw and the fans booed on!

The first fight on the card was a four rounder won by Louis Hubela, 136 pounds, of Brooklyn, N.Y., who knocked down Iggy Villanueva, 138 ⅛ pounds, of Patterson, N.J., twice in the last round.

An exciting bout for the fans was the knockout at 1:35 of the first round scored by Nelson Cubelo, an ex-police officer from Venezuela, who went all out at the opening bell and iced Al Lockard of New York with a final roundhouse right that deposited Al on the canvas for the ten count.

In another fight, Irish Jimmy McNeece of Oakdale, Long Island, a promising lightweight, won a four-round decision over toughie Mel Boynton of Newark, New Jersey. Mel had Jim on the canvas in round two but Jim scored the points to gain the nod. McNeece is the son of former middleweight Billy McNeece.

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RINGSIDE WITH "Sailor" Don Sauer

By DON SAUER

Cus D'Amato, Muhammad Ali, and "Sailor" Don Sauer

SHE was a widow—working as a bookkeeper for the Los Angeles Athletic Club when her boss decided she was the one to tackle money problems at an auditorium the club owned. . . This is how AILEEN EATON got into boxing—the club was the Olympic in Los Angeles. . . After looking things over, she decided that the club needed a new promoter and a new one was hired. This was back in 1942—and she's been there ever since. . . The new promoter at the time was CAL EATON, a former inspector for the Athletic Commission—Within a year the Olympic was in the black ink—and she and EATON married with AILEEN concentrating on the boxing end and CAL handling the wrestling promotions. After EATON died in 1966, she continued with the boxing business. . . Today AILEEN EATON is the west coast's biggest promoter!! She has been a "woman in a man's world for years". . . and, at the age of 68, AILEEN has no intention of retiring—She loves the game and loves to see her charges move up from preliminary boys to main-eventers, and make the money—She's a great one and certainly the greatest gal I've known in boxing. . . . The word from Veteran boxing manager JOE GRAMBY of Philly is that his light heavyweight socker, RICHIE KATES will return to action this summer—KATES lost in two bids for the world title—and had announced his retirement after a recent defeat at the hands of MATT FRANKLIN. . . . Olympic Bronze medal winner "BIG JOHN" TATE of Knoxville, Tenn. is boxing in Florida rings, where he is a great draw and is meeting with success against the right foes. . . . A recent win for TATE over HAROLD CARTER of Cleveland, was met with a chorus of booos when referee RON HILL stopped the Orlando, Fla. bout when CARTER showed no willingness to fight. . . . MONROE BROOKS had decided to retire after losing to BRUCE CURRY—but changed his mind in a hurry. BROOKS was a ninth-round kayo victim to his former stablemate and friend. . .CURRY can fight., make no mistake about that. . .BROOKS now says "I had a bad night". .time will tell. . . .GEORGIE .ABRAMS, former top middleweight contender was honored at Alexandria, Va., recently at the third annual "Old Time Boxer's Night" sponsored by the Alexandria Sportsman's Club. . . .ABRAMS, who flew in from Las Vegas for the dinner ceremonies, was a three-time victor over BILLY SOOSE, and went fifteen rounds with tough TONY ZALE before losing a close decison for the middleweight crown. . . .Among former top boxers in attendance were STEVE MANAKOS, MARTY GALLAGHER, NICK LATSIOS, DANNY PETRO and JOE GANNON. . . .featured speaker was CHARLIE REYNOLDS, the Washington area's "Patriarch of Boxing," who was considered one of the best referees in the country in his young days. .He was now completely recovered from open heart surgery and is looking fine. . . . . .MUHAMMAD ALI—Can he come back all the way—? ANGELO DUNDEE figures "yes". .So does this writer. .I spent sometime with ALI "at camp". .He looked like his old self. .although I do honestly believe—the SPINKS "shootout" will be his "swan song to the ring game". .And well it should—He hits thirty-seven in January—He's been good for boxing—When ALI was "on top" there was an interest—you looked in the sport pages for his name—not on the "court list". . .God Bless him. . .! Look for LARRY HOLMES to be "right up there"—He has the class, the height, the reach and moves continually—Only had habit, just like ALI, who he copies, is pulling back his head from a left hand. . .this will be corrected, I am sure. JERRY POWERS, St. Louis lightweight who lost only one of fourty-three fights during a one-year span (it happened in Jacksonville, Fla) is training again at thirty-eight years . . .AL BACKMAN, N.Y.C. fight manager, son of the late FRANK E. BACHMAN, who managed three (3) world champions, MAXIE ROSENBLOOM, BOB OLIN and LEW JENKINS, has a bright prospect in MARCIANO BERNARDI, 22-yrs-old middleweight, who can punch and is learning. . .BACHMAN is a pretty good judge of fighters—This is the first lad he's taken an interest in for years—Co-manager is AL moore. . . .RIP VALENTI, the Boston Boxing Baron—looks younger every day—(He's 83 now) is putting some great cards together—looking for even bigger things. .He wants to close a MARVIN HAGLER world middleweight title fight—if he can entice the champion into a Boston ring—"or elsewhere"—says RIP. .It might happen. . . .It's always nice to hear from the "old timers". .Former top bantamweight GEORGE PACE is certainly no exception. . .GEORGE informs me he is now residing in Phoenix—Says, "When I was boxing the field was full of good men in all the weights—Quite a difference from today". . .He is so right. . .PACE, one of the all-time greats of fistiana, fought for the bantamweight title on March 4th, 1940, drawing with champ, LOU SALICA at Toronto—then on Sept 24 1940, he lost a 15-round duke to SALICA in N.Y.C.—He met SPIDER ARMSTRONG, HENRY HOOK, BILL SPEARY, JIMMY HATCHER, MATTY PERFETTI, TONY DUPRE, all of the "iron" in the division in his hey-day—Great little guy!!. .You have heard of boxers doing road-work, but you never heard of an exotic dancer doing it!! 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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By DON FRASER

LOS ANGELES—Looking cool and poised, Albert Davila, 119, tracked Ramon DeAguinaga, 118, Tijuana, Mexico from the first round on.

After Alberto had twice dropped DeAguinaga in the fourth round, referee John Thomas pulled Davila off his badly dazed opponent. It was the first outing for the Pomona bantamweight since losing to Carlos Zarate in a title fight at the Forum.

Davila was in full charge in the first three rounds, then found his opening almost midway in the fourth to put DeAguinaga on the floor with left-right combinations.

When he fought Zarate, Davila picked up a check for $55,000. This time, his purse came to $1323 out of gate of $6,124.

Heavyweight Mircea Simon, a defector from Romania, polished off Rocky Jones, 218, Los Angeles at the 1:18 mark of the first round. For Simon, 207, it was his second pro win and his second over Jones.

In a laborious ten rounder, Mario Chavez, 118, Mexico, won a unanimous ten round decision over Paz Mena, 115½, Los Angeles. In a five-rounder, Jorge Fernandez, 150, Los Angeles, decisioned Rod Harvey, 148, Los Angeles.

▲LOS ANGELES—There were no knockdowns, but Danny O'Campo was hopelessly behind and his nose was bleeding when referee Larry Rozadilla ended his bout against Oscar Muniz at the Olympic Auditorium.

Muniz upped his record to 11-1-2 with fifth round knockout.

The cousin of welterwieght contender Armando, Muniz was effective with right hand leads. He won every round up till the finish. For O'Campo, it was his second straight KO loss, he had lost to Frankie Duarte at the Forum.

Weights, Muniz, 119, from Montebello; O'Camp, 120, Los Angeles.

Other results: Paz Mena, 118, Los Angeles, outscored Juan Garcia, 114½, East Los Angeles, in ten rounds. Gary McGuire, 147, Los Angeles, knocked out Miguel Landeros, 149½, Los Angeles, three.

▲SAN DIEGO—A pair of eight rounders featured the card at the Coliseum, which attracted 1,200 fans, who paid $3,478.

Jose Resendiz, 124, Los Angeles, took a decision over Sergio Nualarte, 123, Mexico, in one bout. In the other match, Leni Vanisi, 176, Samoa, and Foma Leota, 180, San Diego, brawled to a draw.

Other results: Alberto Cota, 146½, Tijuana, kayo over Lawrence Roldan, 144, San Diego, 2; Steve Bentley, 158, San Diego, dec. over Troy Vaughn, 163, Los Angeles, 5.

▲FRESNO—Local star Russell Pope, 158, was an upset victim at the hands of Andre Beard, 161, Los Angeles.

Beard caught up with the fast tiring Pope early in the ninth round to register a knockout. The two had fought to a draw in a prior meeting.

In other bouts, Jaime Nava, 133½, Fresno, dec. over Fili Ramirez, 133, Los Angeles, 8; Pascual Ramirez, 165, Mexico, dec. over Troy Vaughn, 161, Los Angeles, 6.

The gate was $2,430.

▲LOS ANGELES—It was victory number eleven for Herman Montes, 132, who pounded out a one sided ten-round decision over Mariano Chavez, 130½, Mexico, at the Olympic Auditorium.

The unbeaten Montes, who is a stablemate of Featherweight Champion Danny Lopez, captured every round on all three official scorecards.

Chavez was content to last the distance and didn't make much of a competitive fight.

Other results: Mike Rundell, 150, Los Angeles, dec. over Mario Neri, 151, Los Angeles, 6; Miguel Valdivia, 124½, Mexico, and Juan Giron, 125, East Los Angeles, drew five.

▲SAN DIEGO—Veteran Ronnie Wilson, 172, Vancouver, B.C., was just too crafty for young Gene Miera, 176, San Diego, in their ten-rounder at the Coliseum. Wilson was awarded the decision. The crowd was around the 1,000 mark and the gate, $3,852.

Other results: Len Provo, 173½, San Diego, KO over Foma Leota, 177½, Samoa, 2; Rick Mills, 199, Los Angeles, dec. over Rocky Jones, 218, Los Angeles, 5; Jim Ingram, 168½, San Diego, dec. over Junior Albers, 172½, Eureka, 6.

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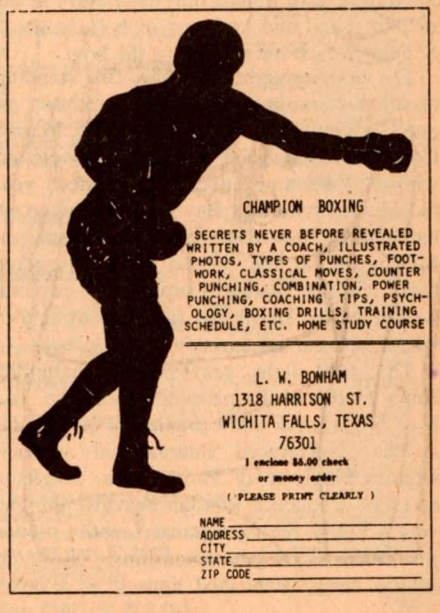

U.S.A. AMATEUR CHAMPS CROWNED IN NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

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New Orleans, appeared obsessed with an insatiable desire to prove to the local fans that even as experienced Olympian like Armstrong could not beat him in his own area. Paul's aggressiveness was almost unbelievable as he continually maintained a two-fisted attack against the veteran Olympian. The crowd was on their feet throughout most of the bout and exploded into a definite roar when the decision went to the hometown favorite.

In the one unexciting bout of the evening, Donald Curry of Fort Worth, Texas won the 1978 light welterweight title. Lem Steeples of St. Louis, Mo. is physically strong, with a beautifully proportioned body, but he was outboxed and outhustled by the experienced young Curry.

The welterweight final brought together two of the most experienced amateur boxers in America. Defending chamion Clinton Jackson, a Nashville, Tenn. Deputy Sheriff, had beaten Roger Leonard—the brother of Olympic Gold Medalist Sugar Ray Leonard—in five previous matches. Jackson had knocked out all tournament opponents, and Leonard showed his respect for that power by giving a super boxing demonstration. Using his speed and superior reach, Leonard slammed left jabs into Jackson's face and moved in and out like a mongoose. While most of the crowd were still convinced that Jackson is a better and more complete boxer, there could be no doubt that Leonard used everything he had learned from previous matches with Clinton Jackson to put together a strategy that brought him the national championship. In the Olympic light middleweight category, Marine Corps J.B. Williamson simply outboxed Wilford Scypion of Galena Park, Texas to win a unanimous decision. Williamson, a former teammate of Leon Spinks, drew blood from Scypion's nose with a hard righ hand early in the second round and kept one or both hands in Scypion's face for the rest of the bout.

The middleweight final saw two stand-up classy boxers in a masterful exhibiton of good boxing. Jeff McCracken, the Marine Corps champion and international veteran, withstood a strong attack by seventeen year old Monte Oswald of Bay City, Michigan. A hard blow to the right cheekbone of McCracken in the second round staggered him, but the Marine Corps lance corporal weathered the storm and finished strongly to take a well earned decision.

The new light heavyweight champion, Emer Martin of Tappahanock, Virginia, is a Navy man who threw battleship broadsides at the expereinced international veteran, Charles Singleton of Philadelphia. Singleton recently defeated a Russian heavyweight and was a heavy pre-tournament favorite to win the 1978 USA championships. However, Martin early established himself as a boxer to contend with when he defeated the young Olympic hopeful, Kelvin Anderson of Hartford, Connecticut in one of the earlier bouts. Anderson had also defeated a Russian Heavyweight in the annual USA-USSR Heavyweight exchange and the experts had predicted a Singleton-Anderson final. Elmer Martin used his right hook and a swinging left power punch to leave no doubt that he was Singleton's master in their final bout.

The heavyweight final brought together two young big men who are both exceedingly fast in view of their size. Defending champion Greg Page of Louisville, Ky. and Muhammad Ali Boxing Club member Tony Tubbs of Cincinnati, Ohio both weigh in the neighborhood of 215 lbs., and both have the hand speed and foot movements of normal lightweights. Their match was a classic boxing demonstration that disappointed a near capacity crowd in the Mississippi Coast Coliseum who had hoped to see a toe-to-toe slugging match. Greg Page attends the same high school in Louisville which Muhammad Ali attended and in many ways resembles Ali. Tubbs is also an Ali devotee. Tubbs opened with accurate left jabs which scored repeatedly for the better part of the first round. However, Page slammed a hard right to Tubbs' head late in the first round which evened the score. In the second round, Page chased Tubbs and clearly won the round. Tubbs came out fast in the third round, indicating that he knew he was behind and was determined to be the winner. After scoring with several hard right hands, Tubbs succumbed to the quick combinations of Page, and Page closed strongly to become the only successful defending champion in the 1978 championships. While the heavyweight final did not produce any knockdowns, or a one-sided victory, the crowd appeared satisfied that they had seen the two best young heavyweights, either whom might win an Olympic Medal or a World Championship.

The team that will represent the U.S.A. in the 1978 world championships in Belgrade, Yugoslavia consists mostly of young newcomers to the championship scene. However, the popular TV series, "U.S.A. AGAINST THE WORLD IN AMATEUR BOXING" has given them the international experience needed to progress toward the 1980 Moscow Olympics. While the Socialist countries, with their many returning Olympic medalists, will be the favorites in Yugoslavia, the young U.S.A. Team may very well provide a few surprises. This 1978 team still is a long ways from displaying the great talent of the victorious 1976 Olympic Team, but it is well on the way toward reaching that status.

DALE STALEY

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and confident, bright smile signify a much guttier quality.

"People either love me or they hate me," said Dale recently. They see I'm cocky and some of them like it and want to see me win in the ring, and others want to see me get whipped. . .but as long as they come out to my fights, I don't care."

Until recently, Dale was fairly content to stay in the amateur ranks, but with the pro debut of 1976 Olympic Gold Medalist Sugar Ray Leonard of nearby Palmer Park, Md. in February, 1977, Dale knew that his future course was set. In the 1976 Washington Area Golden Gloves competition, Dale had put up a stiff three-round battle against Sugar Ray, and although he found himself on the deck in the first round, he rallied strongly in the closing rounds to send the large crowd into a frenzy.

"There'll be a difference the next time I fight him, I promise you that," said Dale. "The only reason I lost was that I was shaky in the first round and I had some personal problems at the time which made it hard to train. Once I got enough pro experience we'll get into the ring. . .and then we'll see who's the best. I know I'm stronger than he is. If I hit him right, he's got to go."

According to manager Cline, Staley is a boxer-puncher who can adjust to any style and pack a k.o. wallop in either hand. Recently, Chris changed Dale's ring style by teaching the young man to continually move against all opponents. "He's a 100% better fighter now," said Chris confidently—and, of course, the results are already in the record book.

Cline also indicated that he and Dale are closer than most manager-fighter teams. "I'm the only one who can get along with him," said Chris with a wry smile. "He may give other people lip, but he's never done it to me. Dale respects me because he knows I'm interested in him as a person, and not just as a fighter. I treat him just like I would my own son, and he acts like I'm his dad."

Away from the ring, young batchelor Dale enjoys girls, fine clothes, and spends a fair amount of time driving around in his bright red 1977 LTD. The Cline-Staley duo have set a timetable to meet local here Sugar Ray within the next year to eighteen months—both confidently predict that the meeting will sell out the 19,000 seat capacity Capital Centre. And in the fighter's mind, there is no question of the outcome—"I'll knock Leonard out," Dale said. "There's no doubt in my mind."

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NEEDHAM OUTPOINTS RICHARDSON FOR BRITISH FEATHER TITLE

World Sporting Club, London—Dave Needham, Nottingham, 124½, convincingly outpointed champion Alan Richardson, 125, over fifteen rounds to annex the British featherwieght title. Scoreline: 145-141.

Needham thus equalled the record of Joe Bowker and Joe Fox as the only fighters to win both the national bantam and featherweight crowns. He now hopes for a match with WBC world champion Danny Lopez, in California.

Needham was the more agressive, although Richardson landed some good right hands to the body.

Needham was cut in the opening round, and excellent corner-work by Terry Lawless kept that injury in check. A second cut occurred in the final round, which looked serious, and if it had happened earlier the bout might have been stopped.

Richardson was marked around both eyes, and the left was practically closed. Needham was down in the ninth from a right to the body, which he obviously thought was low. But the referee picked up the count, and Dave rose at five.

This was only the second time Dave had been on the canvas, the first time being in his pro debut in January 1971.

Both men did well to overcome their injuries, and a four-rounds margin looked about right.

Salvo Nuciforo, Falmouth, 156, outpointed Joe Oke, Ghana, 156, by 79-76 over eight. Both were on the canvas.

Barry Price, Brighton, 138, outscored Kerry Collins, Merthyr, 136½, over eight by 79-76.

Gary Collins, Tottenham, 136½, outpointed Nigel Thomas, Swansea, 139 by 59-57 over six.

▲Royal Albert Hall, London—There's an old adage—"While there's life there's hope." But there wasn't too much life in Maurice Hope, the European lightmiddleweight champion, 154, who gained a methodical but unexiciting points win over American Maurice Dennis, 155¾.

The scoreline after ten rounds was 100-92, which meant that Hope didn't lose a round, and Dennis didn't win one.

Hope stated afterwards that he had injured his left hand during the third round, and that this had handicapped him.

Dennis too was in the wars. He claimed to have injured his right leg in the opening rounds.

It was a peculair contest, with Dennis complaining about being hit on the break, something which wasn't visible to anyone else, and was down twice in the second round from slips. When the American had him gumshield knocked from his mouth in the third there seemed every prospect of an early finish, but with Hope's left hand injured Dennis realized he was not getting hurt and started to put on the pressure.

Hope was boxing well on the retreat, and finding little difficulty in keeping his opponent at bay, but Dennis showed plenty of aggression, without really landing many telling punches.

Full marks to Dennis for making a fight of it after a shaky start, but Hope had all the skill, and was a deserved winner.

British flyweight champion Charlie Magri, Stepney, 111¾, had it easy in beating Frenchman Dominique Cesari, 116¼, who remained on his stool as the bell went for the start of the fourth.

It was stated that he had been retired by his corner because he could not see out of his left eye.

More confusion with the opening annoucement that Cesari was the French flyweight champion. This was later corrected, with a statement that he had just relinquished his title because he was unable to make the weight. He was in fact 1¼ pounds over the stipulated weight for this contest, and paid forfeit.

When Cesari finished the first round with a cut over the left eye the writing was on the wall. The injury was examined by referee Roland Dakin.

Magri was punching away at will in the second, but the Frenchman took a lot of punches on his arms as he covered up.

In the third Magri kept up the pressure, with Cesari able to do little but continue to cover up. For most of the time the Frenchman was trying to evade punishment with his back to the ropes, and almost at the end of the round he was caught with a hefty right hand that made his knees buckle.

Southern Area heavyweight champion John L. Gardner, beat American Dennis Jordan, 206¾, the bout being stopped in the third when Jordan was being punched all around the ring.

Keith Bussey, Camberwell, 168½, made it 16 fights without a defeat as he defeated substitute Joe Jackson, Leicester, 171¾, who was disqualified in the fifth for "persistant laying on."

Stan McDermott, 215, kayoed Bobby Hennessey, Battersea, 206½, in the first.

Gary Davidson, Bermondsey, 117, kept his unbeaten record and won the Southern Area bantam title by outpointing Dave Smith, Eltham, 117¼, over ten by the narrowest possible margin of 97-96.

My scorecard tallied with that of the referee, but Smith lasted the better of the two. Davidson, who rarely finishes a bout without being marked, was cut by both eyes and his nose looked as if it were broken.

It was Gary's birthday. The present he didn't want was a broken nose, but the one he did want he got—the title.

Steve Lewin, Streatham, 162½, outscored Lloyd Gardner, Acton, 162½, over six by 60-56, not losing a round.

▲Liver Stadium—Decked in the second, American Bruce Grandham, 217, came back to kayo Neville Meade, Seansea, 222, in the following session after flooring him for eight.

When they met previously Meade won on a controversial stoppage, and the result looked like being the same as Grandham tottered around the ring in the second, apparently on the verge of exhaustion.

But Meade proved the more weary of the two as he expended all his energy trying to knock his man out after decking him.

Grandham then got his second wind, and put his opponent down twice. The second time Meade took the full count on his knees.

Robbie Davies, Birmenhead, 158, beat Frenchman Marcel Giordanella, 157, the bout being stopped in the first round after Marcel had been down three times.

Tony Sibson, Leicester, 162, kept his unbeaten record by defeating Mac Nicholson, Ghana, 163, the referee intervening in the seventh, when Nicholson had been cut over the right eye and was taking punishment.

It was Nicholson's British debut, and he gave Sibson a good fight without ever managing to get on terms. Sibson had the greater skill and power of punch.

Sibson has won 22 and drawn one in his 23 contests, and is still only a teenager.

Dave Davies, Bangor, 157, outscored Brian Gregory, Doncaster, over eight by 79-74. A hectic bout, with Davies showing aggression throughout.

Tony Carroll, Liverpool, 138, outpointed Eric Wood, Doncaster, 136, by 79-75 over eight.

Adey Allen, Leicester, 137, beat Brian Snagg, Liverpool, 138, the referee intervening in the fourth after the latter had a cut left eye.

▲Anglo-American Sporting Clumb, Manchester—Prince Rodney, Huddersfield 149½, confirmed a previous win by beating Carl Bailey, Manchester, 147, the bout being stopped in the seventh after Bailey had been down twice, last time they met Rodney won on points.

Rodney was well on top throughout, and when he opened up, Bailey's gameness was just not enough to keep him in the fight.

Dave Ward, Manchester, 146, drew with Mick Bell, Leicester, 143, over eight. Bell was decked in the third, but put in a storming finish.

John Gilling, Peterlee, 151, beat Tony Harris, Nottingham, 151, the referee intervening in the third after Harris had been decked three times.

Steve Enwright, Halifax, 126, outscored Larry Richards, Leicester, 128, by the narrow margins of 58-57 over six.

▲Wolverhampton Civic Hall—Substitute Tony Sibson, Leicester, 163, beat Steve Walker, Birmingham, 168, the bout being stopped in the fifth after the latter had been down and was under pressure.

Sibson could not enter the ring before one minute past midnight, because of the Board of Control rule that states a boxer must not fight again until four clear days have elapsed after his previous contest. Tony had been in action at the liverpool Stadium.

It wasn't easy for Sibson to take part in a fight he hadn't had time to prepare for, but as soon as he got his range Walker was in trouble, and after the third Walker was on the receiving end.

Young McEwan, Birmingham, 162½, just scraped home against Wayne Bennett, New Tredegar, 160, and the scoreline was 78-77 after eight.

McEwan did the chasing, Bennett the countering. Bennett looked for trouble, in the opening session, but was let off the hook, and he was cut by the left eye in the fifth. McEwan used an uppercut to good effort, and deserved his win.

Paul Chance, Wednesbury, 128, kayoed substitute Gene McGarrigale, Strabane, 135½, in the first. Last time Gene appeared in England he was also kayoed in one.

Granville Allen, Wednesbury, 140, was down twice in the first two rounds, but rallied well to kayo Marty Jacobs, Liverpool, 139, in the third.

Tony Fox, Wolverhapton, 163, fimished strongly to earn a six-rounds points verdict against Clifton Wallace, Birmingham, by 58-57.

Decked in the opening session, Tony Kavanagh, 148, recovered to beat Al Stewart, Ormskirk, 148, the bout being stopped in the third round after Stewart had been down six times.

Mark Hill, Wednesbury, 130, beat John Singlewood, Alfretion, 130, the referee intervening in the third with Singlewood in dire trouble.

▲National Sporting Club, London—Roy Gumbs, Tottenham, 164, beat Oscar Angus, Aylesbury, 167½, the bout being stopped in the third.

When they met previously the result was a draw, but Gumbs made no mistake this time, and although Angus hadn't been off his feet he was taking a lot of punishment when the referee intervened.

Ceri Collins, Merthyr, 138, comfortably outpointed Kevin Docherty, West Ham, 138, over eight by 79-76.

Albert Coley, Birmingham, 133½, narrowly outscored Robbie Robinson, Liverpool, 130, by 59-58 over six.

Bob Young, Croydon, 190, outpointed Martin NeemPaddington, 208½, over six by 59-56.

▲Ebbw Vale—In the first British title fight between two Welsh-born boxers in eleven years, champion Johnny Owen, Merthyr, kept his national bantam crown by beating Wayne Evans, Bargoed (now living in Walerlooville), the contest being halted in the tenth of a scheduled 15-rounder.

Owen gave a brilliant display of perpetual motion, as he never stopped throwing punches, and in the end even the plucky Evans was forced to succumb.

Wayne was distinctly unlucky to suffer a recurrence of injury to his right hand which had kept him out of the ring for nearly two years. This occurred in the early stages, and from then on he had little chance of winning.

The only knockdown came in the ninth, when a right hand forced Evans to take a count on one knee. After that it was only a matter of time before referee James Brimmell intervened in the following round.

Jeff Pritchard, New Tredegar, 135, outpointed Eric Wood, Doncaster, 134, over eight by 78-77.

Bryn Griffiths, Rhondda, 114½, outscored Jimmy Bott.

Liverpool, 113½, over eight by 78-76. A fast pace, but no danger of either getting stopped.

Nigel Thomas, Swansea, 139, defeated Johnny Beauchamp, Portsmouth, 141, scoreline 60-57, meaning that Thomas didn't lose any of the six rounds.

Frank McCord, Swansea, 141, kayoed Mick Barker, Portsmouth, with a left hook in the second round.

▲**Top Rank Suite, Sheffield**—Mick Mills, Rotterham, 149½, overcame a weight handicap to outpoint John Smith, Glasgow, 156, over eight by 80-74, not losing a round.

This stretches Mills' unbeaten run to 15.

Substitute Eric Purkis, Wembley, 141½, surprised by beating Rocky Beaumont, Hull, 136, the bout being stopped in the second.

Fluctuating fortunes here. Purkis was floored in the opening round, but up without a count. Beaumont continued his attack in the second, but ran into a left hook. He rose quickly, looking groggy, and the referee intervened.

Steve Hopkin, 157, averaged a previous defeat by defeating Steve Goodwin, Liverpool, 155, the bout being haited in the sixth after the latter had been decked by a right to the chin.

John Kelly, Rotberham, 138½, also avenged a previous defeat by narrowly outpointing Eric Wood, Doncaster, 135, over six by 58-57.

Selvin Bell, Manchester, 134, beat debutant Bobby Baker, Islington, 135, who was retired by his corner at the end of the fifth with a cut by the left eye.

▲**Great International Sporting Club, Nottingham**—Former British light-welter champion Des Morrison Bedford, 142, made a reasonable comeback by beating Tony Martey Ghana, 142. The latter was cut by the left eye in the fifth, and after examination the referee stopped it as the bell sounded the start of the sixth.

Morrison counterpunched well, and Martey spoilt his performance by being warned several times for hitting with the inside of the glove.

Jimmy Roberts, Liverpool, 149, kayoed Des Spence, Nottingham, 148¾, in the third. A fusilade of punches put Spence through the ropes. As the count reached five the bell ended the round, but it continued under the rules and he couldn't get back in time.

Romal Ambrose, Leicester, 156, beat Clifton Wallace, Birmingham, 155¾, the referee intervening in the second when Wallace was cut by the left eye.

Steve Ward, Nottingham, 142, narrowly outpointed Gary Collins, Tottenham, 141, by 58-57 over six.

▲**Arden Sporting Club, Birmingham**—Joey Mack, Birmingham, 154, beat Billy Lauder, Edinburgh, Edinburgh, 154, the referee intervening in the second.

Lauder looked confident in the opening session, but all that quickly changed in the second. Mack took the offensive, dropped his man three times, and was dishing out punishment when it was stopped.

Nobbing greeted the end of an excellent bout in which Albert Coley, Birmingham, 133½, outpointed Kerry Collins, Merthyr, 135, over eight by 79-76.

Mohammad Akram, Leeds, 155, beat Jesse Wells, Southampton, 156, who retired with a damaged right arm at the end of the fourth.

Martin Bridge, Bradford, 144½, outscored Frank McCord, Swansea, 141½, by 59-57 over six.

▲**Hove Town Hall**—Mick Minter, Crawley, 153, kayoed Terry Knight, Brighton, 155½, in the second.

The contest should have been a final eliminator for the Southern Area light-middleweight title, but Knight came in over-weight.

It was a hectic affair while it lasted. Minster was down in the opening session, but defied all his opponent's efforts to cash in on this advantage.

In the second Minter made a full recovery and decked his man with a right cross. Knight tried hard to beat the count but in vain.

Shaun Chalcraft, Crawley, 174, outpointed Manny Gabriel, Wellingborough, 175, over eight by 78-77.

Debutant Charlie Tonna, Crawley, 138½, beat Delvin Whyte, Tottenham, 138, the referee intervening in the fourth after Whyte had been down twice.

Mark Cumber, Tufnell Park, 175, narrowly outscored Stan Thompson, Crawley, 174½, over four by 39-38. Both were having their first pro fights.

▲**Top Rank Suite, Reading**—Les Stevens, Reading, 193½, came smoothly through his fourth successive victory in his present come back campaign, by outpointing Tony Moore, Hemel Hempstead, scoreline 80-75 over eight.

This meant Stevens didn't lose a round, and he jabbed his way to a comfortable decision.

George Sutton, Cardiff, 123, kayoed Larry Richards, Leicester, 126½, in two with a right to the chin.

Alan Copp, Swansea, 150½, drew with Johnny Elliott, Bournemouth, 150, over eight.

Romal Ambrose, Leicester, 158, beat Dennis Powell, Combran, 155, the bout being stopped in the opening round with the latter cut under the left eye.

▲**Anglo-American Sporting Club, London**—Tommy Davitt, 136½, outscored George Feeney, Hartlepool, 136½, over eight by 78-77.

Davitt hustled and bustled his way along, shrugging off a cut left eye which was swollen quite a lot, as the fight progressed.

Feeney could not be faulted for his skill and ringcraft, but had several quiet periods where he might have gained the edge had he been a little busier.

The final round was a humdinger. Punch for punch, and the fans showed their appreciation. I would think a return is a certainty.

Steve Henderson, Aylesbury, 128, beat Wally Angliss, Harrow, 126, the referee intervening in the fifth after Angliss had been down in the fourth.

Lloyd Lee, Harlesden, 148, beat Dave Maloney, Walworth, 150, the referee intervening in the second after Maloney had been twice on the canvas.

Adey Allen, Leicester, 139, outpointed Steve Ward, Nottingham, 142, over six by 58-57. Close verdict, but the right one.

▲**National Sporting Club**,—Alan Buchanan, Edinburgh, 127½, outpointed Alan Robertson, Newcastle, 128, over eight by 79-76.

No doubt about the winner, but the loser contributed greatly to an excellent contest.

Alan was seconded by his brother Ken, former world lightweight champ, and showed a better variety of punches than the plucky Robertson, who was always willing to make a fight of it.

In the fourth round, as they stood toe to toe and punched it out, the patrons could not resist applauding, which is, and always has been, forbidden at the NSC during the action. This time, however, there was no reprimand from the MC.

Billy Vivian, Tredagar, 137, outpointed Eric Wood, Doncaster, 134½, over eight by 79-77. Vivian awas the more accurate and threw the most scoring punches.

Eric Purkis, Battersea, 142, confirmed a previous win by beating Frank McCord, Swansea, 143, the bout being stopped in the fifth with McCord tired and taking punishment.

When they met before Purkis won on points, and McCord started this one in confident manner, only to fade as the fight progressed.

Peter Snowshall, Burnt Oak, 140, outscored Young Nelson, Sunderland, 142, over six by 58-57.

▲**Manor Place Baths, London**—Dave Proud, Renge, 152¾, outpointed substiture Roy Commosioung, Luton, 154½, over eight by 79-74.

One might have been forgiven for thinking that Proud had lost if they didn't know the result, as his right eye was shut, his left eye swollen, with other facial bruises.

Apart from that Proud won as easily as the scoreline suggests. He refused to be worried by the eye injuries, which must have handicapped him, but what a pity it is that he seems to collect more facial injuries than other fighters.

Keith Bussey, Camberwell, 163¾, kayoed Paul Shutt, Leicester, 164, in the fourth.

Albert Hillman, Farnborough, 153, outscored Dennis Pryce, 153, Wolverhampton, by 80-77 over eight, not losing a round.

Dave Cammiss, Eltham, 159½, outpointed John Breen, Belfast, 160, over eight by 80-74. He too didn't lose a round.

Sid Smith, Forest Hill, 141½, defeated Roger Guest, Dudley, 142, who was retired by his manager at the end of the second because of a cut left eye. . . Guest had been decked in the opening round.

Frank Caulfield, Monaghan, 202, survived two knockdowns to gain a draw with Colin Flute, 198, over six.

▲**Cunard International Hotel, London**—Former British champion Joey Singleton, 138, gained his third comeback win in a row by beating George McGurk, Jarrow, 141¾, the bout being stopped in the eighth and final round after latter had been decked.

Singleton boxed his way to victory with consummate ease, but McGurk never gave up, and was always trying to find a way through his opponent's defenses.

The immaculate left jab of Singleton was always in evidence, and he earned applause for the manner in which he made his opponent miss.

Wally Angliss, Harrow, 121¼, comfortably outpointed Ian Murray, Manchester, 121, over eight by 80-73, not losing a round. Murray went to the canvas from a slip in the fifth, and a left hook put him down in the seventh.

Mohammad Younis, Wednesbury, 120½, had no difficulty in disposing of Terry Hanna, Belfast, 120½, the referee intervening in the fifth after Hanna had been down.

Debutant Alex McIntosh, Aberdeen, 112½, outscored Eddie Glencross, Galsgow, 114, over six by 60-57. . . A busy battle between two enterprising little men, and the crowd tossed in nobbins afterwards.

Dave Maloney, Walworth, 155, gained a six rounds points win over Kendrick Edwards, Luton, 154, by 60-58, not losing a round, and showing plenty of aggression.

▲**Evesham Sporting Club**—Jimmy Pickard, Pudsey, 157, had it easy against Owen Robinson, Birmingham, 156, outpointing him by 80-73. Robinson gained only a share of one round.

Robinson tired appreciably toward the end, and with Pickard stepping up the tempo when he wished, Owen did well to survive.

Delvin Whyte, Tottenham, 137, may have been fortunate to eke out a narrow points win against Steve Butler, Wakefield, 136. Scoreline 58-57 after six. Butler dominated the early stages, but Whyte came on strongly at the end.

Larry Richards, Leicester, 129, outscored Don Aagesen, Birmingham, 126, over six by 58-57.

Adey Allen, Leicester, 134, confirmed a previous win by outscoring George Metcalf, Liverpool, 133, scoreline after four being 39-38.

Jimmy Smith, Tottenham, 146, beat Bob Lewis, Stroke, 148, the bout being stopped in the fourth and final round after Lewis had been decked.

▲**Tiffany's Coventry**—Roy Varden, Nuneaton, 138¼, became the first Midlands Area light-welter champ by outpointing Des Gwilliam, Birmingham, 139, over ten by 96-95.

This was a terrific struggle between two evenly-matched opponents. Varden kept punching away, but without the authority in his blows to drop his man. Gwillian looked the more accurate and picked his punches better.

Steve Early, Coventry, 140, gained an overwhelming points win over Paul Clemit, Barnsley, 137. Scoreline 80-72, which meant that Early had won all the eight rounds. Clemit did well to see it through.

John Kelly, Rotherham, 137, beat former Midlands Area feather and lighweight champ George O'Heill, Wolverhampton, the referee intervening after O'Neill was cut by the right eye, in the third round.

George Gray, Aberdeen, 182, announced his retirement from the ring after beating Glenroy Taylor, Chiswick, 180. The latter was disqualified for persistant holding in the third.

Tony Hague, Leicester, 145, comfortably outpointed Bob Bravado, Ghana, 147, by 40-36 over four by 40-36, winning every round.

▲**Wolverhampton Sporting Club,**—Former British light-middleweight champ Larry Paul, 171, saved the show by agreeing to box as a late substitute, although he was very heavy. Paul outpointed Joe Jackson, Coventry, 170, over eight by the colossal margin of 80-73, winning seven round and drawing the other.

Jackson had little chance against a boxer of Paul's calibre. The former was decked in the second and third, but Paul didn't seem particularly bothered about trying to finish it off.

Paul Chance, Wednesbury, 128, outscored Jeff Pritchard, Tredagar, 131, over eight by 79-76. Chance did well under the handicap of a cut to the left eyebrow.

Mick Morris, Wolverhampton, 164, beat Dave Hunt, Leicester, 161, the bout being stopped in the second after the latter had been decked as the bell ended the first.

Mark Hill, Wednesbury, 129½, outpointed Tony Whitmore, Norwich, 130½, over six by 59-55. Substitute Whitmore was on the canvas in the second, but rallied well, and it was Hill who looked the more weary at the close.

▲**20th Century Sporting Club, Southend**—And excellent performance from Tony Zeni, Highgate, 130, who outscored Lawrence Devanney, Bradford, 128, by 80-73, winning seven and drawing the other.

Devanney was decked four times, and this result made up for Zeni's disputed points defeat by Devanney at the same venue a few weeks earlier.

COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHT

Champion
Vacant
1. Billy Aird (E)
2. John J. Gardner (E)
3. George Chuvalo (C)
4. Les Stevens (E)
5. Denton Ruddock (J)
6. Neville Meade (J)
7. Ishaq Hussien (E)
8. Tony Moore (J)
9. Fonomanu Sekona (T)
10. Ngozika Ekwelum (N)

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT

Champion
Gary Summerhays (C)
1. John Conteh (E)
2. Mustapha Wasajja (U)
3. Tony Mundine (A)
4. Victor Attivor (G)
5. Ernie Barr (Bah)
6. David Conteh (E)
7. Bunny Johnson (J)
8. Billy Knight (St. Kitts)
9. Al Gattling (A)
10. Lat Darasin (N)

MIDDLEWEIGHT

Champion
Al Korovou (Fiji)
1. Alan Minter (E)
2. Kevin Finnegan (E)
3. Frankie Lucas (St. Vincent)
4. Monty Betham (NZ)
5. Fernand Marcotte (C)
6. Bunny Sterling (J)
7. Jean-Claud Leclair (C)
8. Scorpion Ofosu (G)
9. Tony Sibson (E)
10. Errol McKenzie (W)

LIGHT-MIDDLEWEIGHT

Champion
Maurice Hope (Ant)
1. Rocky Mattioli (A)
2. Ayub Kalule (U)
3. Elisha Obed (Bah)
4. Jimmy Batten (E)
5. Wally Carr (A)
6. Tony Poole (E)
7. Jim Gillon (A)
8. Larry Paul (E)
9. Pat Thomas (St. Kitts)
10. Tarkano Marcos (A)

WELTERWEIGHT

Champion
Clyde Gray (C)
1. Dave Green (E)
2. John H. Stracey (E)
3. Sakarai Ve (T)
4. Eddie Marcelle (Tr)
5. Ali Afakasi (NZ)
6. Vernon Lewis (Guy)
7. Henry Rhiney (J)
8. Neil Pattel (A)
9. Billy Waith (W)
10. Kevin White (E)

LIGHT-WELTERWEIGHT

Champion
Laurie Austin (A)
(Baby Cassius)
1. Hector Thompson (A)
2. Frank Ropis (A)
3. Tony Aba (Papua)
4. Clinton MKenzie (J)
5. Al Ford (C)
6. Andy Broome (A)
7. Ross Eadie (A)
8. Des Morrison (J)
9. Des Morrison (J)
10. Chris Davies (W)

BANTAMWEIGHT

Champion
Sulley Shittu (G)
1. Paul Ferreri (A)
2. Johnny Owen (W)
3. Wayne Evans (W)
4. Gary Davidson (E)
5. John Feeney (E)
6. Roger Richens (A)
7. Wally Angliss (E)
8. George Sutton (W)
9. Sharkey Hughes (A)
10. David Austin (A)

LIGHTWEIGHT

Champion
Len Blackmore (Guy)
1. Jim Watt (S)
2. Charlie Nash (I)
3. Barry Michael (A)
4. Jonathan Dele (N)
5. Johnny Claydon (E)
6. Claude Noel (Tr)
7. Billy Mulholland (A)
8. Jeff Malcolm (A)
9. Fitzroy Giuseppe (Belize)
10. Corn. Boza-Edwards (U)

FLYWEIGHT

Champion
Patrick Mambwe (Zam)
1. Charlie Magri (E)
2. Steve Bell (A)
3. Glen Walsh (A)
4. Dave Smith (E)
5. Charlie Brown (A)
6. Neil McLaughlin (I)
7. John Hipwell (A)
8. Gary Bice (A)

FEATHERWEIGHT

Champion
Eddie Ndukwu (N)
1. David Kotey (G)
2. Dave Needham (E)
3. Brian Roberts (A)
4. Alan Richardson (E)
5. Les Pickett (W)
6. Jimmy Flint (E)
7. Brian Schofield (A)
8. Paddy Graham (I)
9. Guinea Hillier (A)
10. Gerry Duffy (S)

John Aba (Papua) is the Junior lightweight champion. Billy Moeller (A) and Kayinola Armah (N) are official contenders.

WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHT

Guy Casale stopped Bobby Halpern, 3
Greg Sorrentino beat Billy Sharkey, 8
Marvin Stinson whipped Pedro Soto, 8
G.G. Maldonado won over Nick Wells, 8
Bill Connell stopped Elliot Burton,1
Al Brooks won over Dave Smith, 4
Eddie Mallard was halted by Cornell Chavis, 3
Rodell Dupree stopped Joe Maye, 3
Sergio Rodriguez kayoed Conrad Tooker, 2
Chuck Wepner stopped Johnny Blaine, 3
Ismael Ruiz beat Dan Johnson, 10
Fili Moala stopped Charlie James, 4
Dino Dennis whipped CJ Bar Brown, 10
Randy Cobb stopped Paul King Solomon, 2
David Johnson beat Arthur Savage, 6
Eugene Green beat Dave Johnson, 6
Lou Benson beat Quinnie Locklear, 4
Ibar Arrington stopped George Jerome, 8
Al Neumann beat Scott Welsh, 8 (disq.)
Mark Junior halted Ted Turner, 1
Joe Velmure beat Ron Gabaree, 8
Johnny Boudreaux beat Ron Draper, 8 (disq.)
Madgaleno Puentes halted Rene Gonzalez, 3
Jim Beattie whipped Chuck Gardner, 10
Rick Mills beat Rocky Jones, 5
Dennis Romano stopped Terry Kidd, 1
Joe Stock beat Phil Shevack, 4
William Connell stopped Mike Ruiz, 1
Scott Frank won over Joe Maye, 6
Richard Roy defeated Conrad Tooker, 8
Guy Casale and Jeffy Foley fought to No Decision, 8
Kevin Smith defeated Jerry McClain, 8
Young Joe Louis beat Charles Atlas, 8
Walter Moore whipped Joe "king" Roman, 10
George Mostardini defeated Roughouse Fisher, 6
Calvin Cross stopped Boom Boom Moorer, 6
Henry Lumpkin halted Jimmy Philips, 6
Frank Monaco kayoed Jim Pixley, 1
Robert "Ironman" Echols, beat Chico Gardner, 8
Harry Terrell stopped Horst Giesler, 2

LIGHTHEAVYWEIGHT

Kevin Smith whipped Cyde Mudgett, 8, and halted Moses Robinson, 2
Eddie Gregory stopped Nat Gates, 7
Victor Galindez whipped Alvaro Lopez, 15
(Retained WBA lightheavyweight Title)
Leni Vanisi and Foma Leota Drew, 8
Leonard Langley and Dwight Braxton Drew 6
C.J. Brown halted Art Sinclare, 5
Matty Ross stopped Otis Gordon, 4
Manny Freitas halted Joe Moreault, 3
Frank Allarate lost to Eddie Gonzales, 4
Ronnie Wilson beat Gene Miera, 10
Len Provo stopped Foma Leota, 2
Jim Ingram whipped Junior Albers, 6
Lucky Patterson beat Henry Sims, 4
Julius Noble halted Tony Curovis, 4
Aldo Traversaro halted Francisco Fiol, 6
(European Lightheavyweight Title)
Mate Parlov stopped Tony Greene, 6

MIDDLEWEIGHT

Mike Colbert stopped Edgar Wallace, 10
Marcos Geraldo stopped Alex Oguin, 1 and stopped Renato Garcia, 9
Hugo Corro defeated Rodrigo Valdes, 15
(World Middleweight Title)
Tony Chiaverini halted Al Bell, 4
Steve Bentley beat Troy Vaughn, 5
Marvin Hagler stopped Doug Demming, 8
Andre Beard halted Russell Pope, 9
Pascual Ramirez won over Troy Vaughn, 6
Clem Tucker stopped Mike Westrich, 1
Rafale Rodriguez beat Pat O'Conner, 10
Keith Broom beat Dalton Swift, 4
Wade Lee halted Peter Vorias, 1
Mike Farrell beat Sylvester Harris, 4
Odell Leonard stopped Kevin Armstrong, 2 then beat Wilbert Crews, 6
Keith Broom stopped Arthur McClud, 4 then halted Morris Watkins, 5
Keith Broom kayoed Stanley Jackson, 4
Odell Leonard beat Ronnie West, 4
Mike Baker stopped Frankie Kolovart, 2
Austin Killeen kayoed Don Godfroy, 3
Luis Carlos Muro stopped Raul Gomez, 1
Marcus Dorsey whipped Mike Garcia, 6
Oscar Bladeras stopped Daryl Brumley, 2
Robert Powell stopped Marcus Dorsey, 2
Eddie Mitchell lost to Ignacio Lopez, 6
Rick Nelson beat Eddie Straight, 5
James Waire beat John Vasquez, 5
Rudy Cruz lost to Henry Walker, 10
Tony Chiaverini stopped Al "Tiger" Bell, 4
Alex Porrata won over Mauro Galvan, 8
Al Clay beat Johnny Heard, 10

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT

Enrique Silva halted Mario Neri, 5
Ricky Weigel stopped Richard Abbot, 3
Ayub Kalule halted Isutsumu Hagusa, 3
Rocky Mattioli kayoed Jose Duran, 5
(WBC Jr. Middleweight Title)
Eckard Dagge kayoed Rine Pinder, 5
Enrique Silva stopped Jorge Alfaro, 2
Richie Jackson halted Anthony Thompson, 1
Richard Jackson halted Wilbur Johnson, 4 then stopped Karim El Amin, 1
Adolfo Rivas and John English both disqualified after 3 rounds
Greg Stephens Fred Lorona, 10

WELTERWEIGHTS

Jose "Pipino" Cuevas halted Billy Backus, 1
(WBA) Welterweight Title)
Johnny Turner stopped Frankie Benitez, 8
Victor Abraham beat Pablo Baez, 10
Agapito Ramirez beat Mario Neri, 5
Andy Price halted Julio Gomez, 2
Kevin Morgan halted Rudy Barro, 9
Zeferino Gonzales won over Greg Stephens, 6
Pete Ranzany halted Joe Grier, 4
Clyde Gray stopped Johnny Stef, 6
Eddie Marcello won over Felix Pintor, 10
Johnny Gant beat Justice Ortiz, 8 then stopped Roland Pryor, 8
Ray Leonard stopped Bobby Hayman, 3, then halted Randy Milton, 8
Alberto Cota stopped Lawrence Roldan, 2
Roger Stafford beat Enrique Silva, 8
Marvin Jenkins halted Larry Puchta, 3
Roland Pryor halted Greg Burch, 6
Tony Gonzalez halted Mario Arzate, 1
Garey McGuire stopped Gonzalo Alvarado, 3
Agapito Ramirez beat Pablo Baez, 6
Floyd Pearson won over Simmy Black, KO2
Warren Thunder stopped Billy Moreno, 2, also stopped Leonard Boyd, 2
Lynn Lusty beat Joey Brbcha, 4
Gene Ellington stopped Dave Robbin, 1
Ron Pettigrew, won over Phillip Bowen, 6
Art McKingt defeated Larry McCall, 10
Jorgen Hansen stopped Alain Marion, 6
(European Welterweight Title)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT

Monroe Brooks stopped Jose Gonzalez, 2 then was halted by Bruce Curry, 9
Antonio Cervantes stopped Tongta Kiadvayupak, 6
(WBA Jr. Welterweight Title)
Miguel Montilla stopped Bobby Hughes, 7 then stopped Emilio Guerraro, 6
Nani Marrero beat Zenon Sigado, 10
Joe Kimpuani beat Archie Mitchell, 10
Howard Davis beat Larry Stanton, 10
Genaro Gloria beat Ron Turner, 6
Ditmar Becton beat Craig Stevens, 4 then stopped Richard Garland, 4
Craig Stevens beat Ernest Gladney, 6

LIGHTWEIGHT

Gonzalo Montellano beat Claude Durden, 10
Fili Ramirez halted Mike Maturino, 2
Andrew Ganigan stopped Vicente Saldivar, 8
Yong Ho beat Joe Lim, 12
Claude Noel stopped Fitzroy Giuseppe, 8
Herman Montes stopped Sergio Nualarte, 2
Jaime Nava beat Fili Ramirez, 8
Russ Newton was stopped by Ken Saale, 3
Raymond Romon stopped Ditmar Becton, 1
Francisco Maldenado halted Charles McFarline, 1
Termite Watkins stopped John Morgan, 4
Johnny Copeland beat Rick Folstad, 10
Manuel Abedoy stopped Jose Olivares, 6
Hector Rivera halted Ray Saldivar, 2
Ronnie James whipped Terry Mcoy, 4

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT

Paul Morales halted Jose Rodriguez, 4
Jose Luis Lara beat Salvador Gonzalez, 6
Reynaldo Zaragoza beat Mariano Alanzo, 8
Alexis Arguello halted Rey Tam, 5
(WBC Jr. Lightweight Title)
Diego Alcala beat Miguel Meza, 10
Juan Malvarez beat Facundo Villalba, 10, then whipped Hipolite Segunda, 12
Fernando Flores beat Tosh Goya, 5
Frankie Baltazar kayoed Shig Fukuyama, 4
Sue Carlson lost to Mary Kudla, 4 (WOMEN)
Ricky Patterson beat Robert Gibson, 4
Otis Hooper stopped Earle Smith, 1
Roberto Flores halted Daniel Felizardo, 5
Rafael Limon stopped Isaac Marin, 1
Salvador Sanchez and Juan Escobar Drew, 10
Nino Gonzales beat Henry Rosa, 4

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Flee Glemente beat Jose Torres, 10
Juan Villa lost to Salvador Torres via KO, 6
Danny Lopez stopped Jose DePaula, 6
(WBA Featherweight Title)
Eusebio Pedroza kayoed Cecilio Lastra, 13
(WBC Featherweight Title)
Sean O'Grady halted Ramon Campos, 1 then stopped Jose Marin, 1
Lionel Hernandez kayoed Lorenzo Torres, 8
Ricardo Cardona-Ven knocked out Soo Hong-Hwan, 12
(WBC Jr. Featherweight Title)
Hector Carrasquilla stopped Huracan Silva, 4 then drew with Pedro Jiminez, 6
Rodolfo Francis was knocked out by Julio Pinilla, 1
Jose Resendiz beat Sergio Nualarte, 8
Edward Bracetty stopped Papo Nelendez, 5
Bobby Everett beat Joe McFarline, 4
Francisco Alvarado whipped Jesus M. Reulas, 6
Nicolas Perez halted Daniel Perez, 2
Earl Large beat Fernando Lumacad, 10
Jesus M. Ruelas stopped Manuel Lopez, 3
Karen Bennett halted Rosa Moreno, 1 (WOMEN)
Nicolas Perez kayoed Jesus Barrientos, 3
Luke Ervin beat Johhny Sullivan, 12
Gerald Hayes whipped William Berry, 12
Benny Marquez decisioned Alberto Collazo, 8
Mike Johnson whipped Joey Mays, 6

BANTAMWEIGHT

Juan Pajarito Garcia stopped Jose Luis Vieyra, 4
Alberto Sandoval stopped Eliseo Cosme, 5
Jose Resendiz stopped Antonio Sanchez, 3
Carlos Zarate stopped Andres Hernandez, 13
(WBC Bantamweight Title)
Wilfredo Gomez halted Juan Lopez, 7
(WBC Super Bantamweight Title)
Lupe Pintor won over Tony Becerra, 10, then lost to Leo Cruz, 10
Jose Miranda stopped Mario Castro Lopez, 8
Paul Ferreire beat Venice Borkorsor, 10
Oscar Muniz halted Catalino Flores, 3
Juna Garcia beat Paz Mena, 4
Joe Nunez halted Jose Luis Garcia, 5
Elias De Leon stopped Santos Nunez, 2
Carlos Zuniga kayoed George Maldonado, 3
Jimmy Magnifico beat Johhny Britt, 6
Franco Zurlo and Esteban Eguia Drew, 15
(European Bantamweight Title)

FLYWEIGHT

Joey Olivo beat Vitor Diaz, 10
Raul Pacheco beat Rafael Rubio, 10
Yoko Gushiken stopped Jaime Rios, 13
(WBA Jr. Flyweight Title)
Netrnoi Vorasinghi beat Freddie Castillo, 15
(WBC Jr. Flyweight Title)
Rafael Pedroza stopped Dogoberto Perinan, 4
Betulio Gonzales whipped Raul Valdez, 10
Antonio Avelar halted Freddy Hernandez, 2
Bernabe Villacampo stopped Shigeo Nakajima, 4

CENTRAL FLORIDA RING REPORT

By GEORGE CURCIO

EUSTIS—fourty-five-year-old heavyweight Solomon McTier, 235 of Eustis, stopped Daytona Beach 220-pounder Mark "The Organic Man" Orman in three rounds here at the National Guard Armory.

▲ORLANDO—Big John Tate, 228, Knoxville, had an easy time in fighting Cleveland veteran Harold Carter, 196, simply because Carter did not fight back. After more than three rounds of Tate stalking and Carter running as much as possible, referee Ron Hill stopped the contest, disqualifying Carter, whose record dropped to 25-41. Time was 1:07 of the fourth round. Tate's record moved to 11-0.

Frankie Suarez, 162, made his first start under the Pete Ashlock stable banner by narrowly decisioning Tampa's Eddie Davis, although all three judges saw Suarez, a transplant from Tampa, the winner. Suarez is now 7-1. The eight-rounder did not give a good indication of his potential.

Tommy Brooks, 162, Knoxville, made it eight knockdowns in eight tries with a fourth round TKO of Prince Nikita Tarhocker, 158, Melbourne, formerly of the Belgian Congo and Philadelphia. Nikita stunned Brooks in the first round with a right to the Tennesseans not too rugged jaw, but Brooks survived the scare and had little trouble thereafter.

Irish Eddie Roberts, 148, Knoxville, opened the show with a four-round unanimous verdict over Trevor Harvey, 150, Lakeland. Roberts is now 4-0-1.

AMATEURS: Chris Rizzo won decision over Donnie Scott of Gainesville, Curtis Barber, Melbourne, decisioned Knoxville's Don Marshall, and Jerry Miller of Knoxville stopped Gainesville heavyweight Bobby Bounds.

▲ORLANDO NOTES. . .Teenage middleweight James "Showboat" Salerno is expected back in action in June. Salerno injured himself in April in a mini-bike accident. . .Joey Vincent goes out to Phoenix in June to meet Jerry Cheatham, Arizona's top middleweight hope. . .Scott Clark may find himself meeting Larry Stanton sometime soon. Everyone around Orlando, including Scotty, would like to see the bout occur. . .Another possible opponent for Clark is Eddie Roberts. . .Matchmaker Lee Geiger is also hoping to matchup undefeated knockout artists Tommy Brooks and Irvin Hines.

Joey Vincent and Pam, his longtime corner person and trainer, were married on April 9. Several weeks later, Vincent's old ring rival Taco Perez was married to his girl Darla. . .44-year old Mickey "The Mouse" Mangum wants Joey Vincent, as soon as possible.

LAS VEGAS

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

Augustin Estrada, a 3-1 underdog going into the Silver Slipper ring against Abraham Perez, pulled a stunning upset with a third-round TKO of his more experienced opponent. The junior welterweight bout was the main event of the Wednesday night Strip Fight of the Week.

Estrada was in command from the opening bell. He connected with a right cross in the second round that sent Perez against the ropes.

In the third round, Estrada connected with a left-right combination that sent Perez to the canvas. Perez went down again from a left hook — and a third time from a fierce right hook. The fight was stopped at 2:32 of the third round, in accordance with the Nevada three-knockdown rule.

In the semifinal, Candy Iglesias, 112, of Phoenix, stopped Alfonso Del Gadillo at 2:02 of the seventh round. Iglesias, a 23-year old veteran of over 50 fights, clearly outclassed his less experienced opponent.

Another prelim saw Leon Mesa, 135¼ of Las Vegas win a TKO over Don Juan Cornelius, 135¼ at 2:03 of the fourth round. The action-packed bout saw Cornelius in command for the first two rounds — as he sent Mesa to the canvas once in each round. Mesa, however, caught fire in the third round, knocking Cornelius to the canvas in the third, and again in the fourth before the final TKO. In a bantamweight opener, Sal Ugald KO's Jose Garcia at 1:21 of the second round.

▲Earl Large, a veteran bantamweight out of El Paso, managed a split decision over his tough aggressive opponent, Francisco Ponce of Los Angeles. Large clearly outclassed Ponce throughout the ten-round bout that was the featured main event at the Silver Slipper's Strip Fight of the Week.

Large's quick left hooks to Ponce's body and head gave him the decision on the cards of Judge Alan Adler, 47-43; and Dave Moretti, 46-44. Dissenting judge, however, was Art Lurie who gave the decision to Ponce by a score of 46-44. (Lurie was also the one dissenting judge in the Norton-Young fight; and again in the Ali-Spinks fight).

An eight-round semifinal between Rico Dineros and Dick Abbott resulted in a draw for the unimpressive middleweights.

In the opening bout of the card, Desi Newbill, 121, of Los Angeles, took a TKO over Johnny Jackson, 120, of Las Vegas. The TKO came at two minutes of the fourth round when Jackson decided he had had enough. A wide left hook by Newbill in the first round took all the fight out of the faint-hearted Jackson. He survived two more rounds, however, until a flurry of punches in the fourth sent Jackson into retreat.

In a heavyweight prelim, Silver Slipper employee Eddie Perrot, was Ko'd by Lynn Ball, 229, of Bossier City, La. The KO came at 2:10 of the second round when Perrott was trapped in a corner by the hard-hitting Ball; and went down against the ropes. The loss squashed the comeback hopes of Perrot — who had not fought for four years before the bout against Ball.

▲Horace Shufford of Las Vegas made local fight fans take notice as he moved up to the main event with a stunning knockout over veteran Johnny Ligons of Los Angeles, at the Silver Slipper's Wednesday night "Strip Fight of the Week". Shufford, a member of a local boxing family, caught Ligons with a hard right cross at 1:21 of the second round. The shot sent Ligons to the canvas as referee Ferd Hernandez counted him out. Ligons attempted to get to his feet; but showed signs of great pain — and the danger of a broken jaw.

The first round was fairly even — with both fighters testing each other's style. However the 141-pound Shufford threw Ligons, 140, to the canvas at the end of the round. In the second round, Shufford's overhand right caught Ligon's square on the jaw; and dropped him to the canvas. The win brings Shufford's record to 9-0-1.

In the semifinal, Fili Ramirez, 139, of Los Angeles, outclassed opponent Rudy Moreno, also of Los Angeles. Referee Charlie Roth stopped the fight at 1:20 of the fifth round as Moreno appeared unable to defend himself.

In a brief heavyweight prelim, Earl Tripp, 195, of Las Vegas, stopped Irving Taylor, 210, by TKO in the first round. Referee Roth stopped this fight at 2:57 of the round, after Taylor was down from a straight right. Taylor got to his feet by the count of nine — but Tripp came after him — and the bout was stopped.

In the only fight to go the distance, Andy Garcia, 139, of Pomona, Calif. decisioned Jesse James, 140, of Las Vegas. James was agressive in all four rounds — but could not counter Garcia's brutal body punches. All three judges awarded the fight to Garcia — on a unanimous score of 19-17.

▲The Silver Slipper's scheduled twenty five-round card lasted a mere six rounds, as all three fights ended in early knockouts.

The main event saw unbeaten Robby Epps of Clovis, New Mexico, fell his opponent, Henry Marquez at one minute of the fourth round. The 155-pound Epps pinned Marquez in his own corner — and dealt him a flurry of body punches that sent the Los Angeles battler crumpling to the canvas. The KO brings Epps' impressive record to an undefeated 15-0.

In a stunning first-round knockout, Clyde Mudget, 185, of San Antonio, destroyed Las Vegan George Clark, 185, at 2:20 of the opening round. Clark went down at two minutes of the round after a right cross from Mudget — but managed to get to his feet. However, he fell into Mudget's straight right that lifted Clark six inches off his feet. The loss was a severe setback for Clark, who was attemping a comeback after several years' layoff. In the opening prelim, middleweights "Irish Pat Coffey" of Los Angeles and Dick Black of Las Vegas fought a brief and blistering battle.

Black, a former martial arts expert, was overly confident in this, his second pro fight. He charged like a bull through the first round but was caught off guard in the second — as he walked into Coffey's hard left hook. The punch to Black's jaw sent him to the canvas with an impact and the fight was over at 1:02 of the second round. Coffey's undefeated record is now 5-0. Opening the card was an exhibition of "diaper-weights". They were two spunky seven year olds, who are trained in an amateur program by their uncle, welterweight "Irish" Leroy Haley.

▲Willie "Birdlegs" Jenson, Las Vegas' own world-class flyweight, looked impressive in the second fight of his pro comeback. After a twenty two-month layoff, Jenson is back in top shape — and he proved it at Wednesday nights' "Strip Fight of the Week" at the Silver Slipper.

Jenson disposed of Jose Angel Cazarez, 116, of Torrejon, Mexico, with a straight right at 1:17 of the seventh round. Cazarez fought a "backwards" fight — constantly backing up and trying to lead with hooks and right hands. These efforts were met with Jensson's fierce jabs and left hooks. An accidental butt early in the seventh opened a large cut over Cazarez right eye — and left him open for the knockout punch. Jenson saw the opening; and sent his straight right to the Mexican's jaw, Cazares reeled to the canvas and referee Buddy Basilico halted the fight at the count of seven.

An eight-round semifinal saw Las Vegas Leon Mesa, 135, take a majority decision over Jose Ozouna, 136, of Los Angeles. The fighters exchanged an even number of punches — in this perfectly-matched bout. The decision was close; with Judges Hall Miller and Art Lurie voting 37-35 for Mesa; and Judge Joe Swessel voting a draw. Adun Aguilar, 126, of Los Angeles, made a disastrous pro debut, as he was KO'd at 1:50 of the first round by Juan "Kid" Meza, 126, of Mexicali, Mexico. Desi Newbill, 120, of Los Angeles, moved his record to 2-0 by taking a unanimous four-round decision over tough Sal Ugolde, 121, of Los Angeles. Ugolde was penalized a point in the final round by referee Buddy Basilico, for his continual low blows.

FIGHTING IN PHILLY

By NIGEL COLLINS

A trio of local favorites saw their winning streaks come to a screeching halt before a shocked house of 5,122 at the Spectrum.

Previously unbeaten "Skinny" Jimmy Rothwell lost a split 10-round decision to fellow cutie Victor Abraham, of California, via scores of 48-43, 47-44 for Victor and a lone 47-46 vote for the Philadelphian.

The bout was a slow one, counterpuncher vs. counterpuncher. It was not until the sixth that a blow of any consequence was landed. In this session Abraham connected with several hard rights to Rothwell's head and followed with a stinging left hook to the face.

Rothwell, 145, tried to pick up the pace the last few rounds but it was too late.

"Skinny Jimmy," who must learn to be more agressive, slipped to 14-1 with 6 KO's. Abraham, 142, is now 17-7 with 6 KO's.

As bad as the Abraham-Rothwell match was, the bout between Wade Hinnant and Rufas "The Hawk" Miller was worse.

Miller, 135, jabbed and grabbed his way to a split decision in a boring ten-rounder.

Hinnant, 138½, scored a knockdown in the second with a hard left hook to the head and then proceeded to do very little for the next eight rounds.

Miller, from Patterson, N.J., pecked away with light jabs to come home the winner. The scores were 47-46 and 45-44 for Miller, with a 47-44 tally for Hinnant.

The first loss for Hinnant dropped his log to 12-1 with 6 KO's. The upset win boosted Miller to 12-4-1 with 4 KO's.

The third ten saved the show for matchmaker Rus Peltz. South Philly's Archie Andrews scored a close but unanimous decision over Frankford's Rudy Donato in a free swinging brawl that earned a standing ovation at the final bell.

Andrews, who gave away eight pounds at 155, snapped Donato's 13 bout winning streak with a courageous last round flurry.

The hard hitting Donato shook Archie often with his heavy right but could not put his adversary on the canvas.

Archie, on the other hand, spilled Rudy for an automatic 8-count in the sixth with a four punch combo. Donato got up full of fight and had Andrews under pressure at the bell.

Leaping lefts from Andrews had Donato's right eye a swollen mess the last half of the fight but Rudy shrugged it off and kept plugging.

Both battlers were very tired as the bell rang for the tenth. Andrews reached deep inside himself and came up with a two fisted rally that provided the margin for victory.

The underrated Andrews is now 10-8 with 4 KO's. Donato, who has nothing to be ashamed of, slipped to 16-4 with 13 KO's.

Popular heavy Randy Mack, 225, of South Philly, scored a TKO over New Yorker David Smith, 206, in :56 of 2.

Billy Wareham, 164, stopped Ed Warren, 168, in six to up his pro record to 10-2 with 7 KO's.

Local feathers Tony Still and Pete Torres battled to an entertaining four-round draw.

In an eight-spot that went on after the main event Upper Darby's Mike Picciotti, 145½, scored a unanimous decision over local Kevin Moefield, 147.

UPPER DARBY — Local favorite Richie "The Bandit" Bennett made good his first windup spot by scoring a third-round TKO over "Sugar" Ray Smith, now boxing out of Philly, at the 69th Street Forum for promoter Ed Crawford.

The win lifted the stiff punching middleweight to 12-1-1 with 7 KO's.

Popular junior welterweight banger Mickey Diflo left hooked his way to a third-round kayo over South Philly's Morris Grant at 1:35 of the round. It was Diflo's second victory over Grant.

Upper Darby welter Mike Picciotti also used a good left hook to flatted New Yorker Don Johnson in three. The undefeated Picciotti is now 11-0-1 with 4 KO's to his credit.

Philly's Mike Ross took a four-round decision over Jersey's Ken Muse in a junior welterweight bout and Upper Darby featherweight Ken Carpenter outpointed game Tony Still, over 4.

New Jersey middleweight Frankie Crossan TKO'd Roy Jones.

BLUE HORIZON — Local middleweight Ernie Singletary pushed his pro record to 13-1 with unanimous eight-round decision over Eddie Phillips, of Hartford, Conn. in a dull, mauling match.

There was very little action as Phillips fought to last the distance. Singletary, 162, cuffed Eddie around in every round but never came close to decking his 166 pound adversary.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST BOXING NEWS

By RUGGLES LARSON

SEATTLE, WASH. — Tommy Howard boxed his way into a North American Boxing Association middleweight championship bout with "Sugar" Ray Seales by scoring a unanimous ten round decision win over Willie Warren, 161, Corpus Christie, Texas, at the Seattle Coliseum. Howard changed his usual aggressive slam bang style to one of fast left jabs and quick right hands to sweep nine of ten rounds.

Seales promised the winner a June 20th title shot. Warren held Seales to a ten-round draw last month.

Prelims: Willie Baldwin, 165, Seattle, scored a unanimous decision over Larry Smith, 156, Tacoma, in eight rounds. Bobby Howard, 161, Seattle, registered a seventh round TKO win over Eugene White, 153, Tacoma, in a scheduled eight-rounder. In a four-round preliminary exhibition, Dale Grant boxed his half-brother, "Sugar" Ray Seales.

The Global Promotion drew 1,400 fans.

▲TACOMA, WASH. — Tacoma's "Sugar" Ray Seales kayoed Mayfield Pennington of Pikeville, Ky. in the eighth round to record his forty-sixth professional ring win. The fight was held in Pennington's hometown.

▲Ringside Chatter — Tom Mustin is now coaching the amateur boxing team at the Tacoma Boys Club. . . . Joey Velez, former PNW featherweight king from Spokane, is now living in Seattle. . . . Frankie "Chee Chee" Britt, who had over two hundred bouts in the '20s & '30s, passed away recently. . . . Cowboy Hibbard, former golden gloves lightweight champ in the '50s, has moved to the Seattle area. . . . Two former amateur stars, Dick Graddon and Loren Marshall, can frequently be seen refereeing pro and amateur cards.

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Columbus, Ohio — Light Heavyweight

1977

Mar.	27—Tony Greene, San Antonio	KO 4
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Nov.	26—Hank Gregory, Columbus	KO 2

TONY JOHNSON, Page 600
(1976 Record: 3-0)
Cleveland, Ohio — Lightweight

1977

Jan.	26—Marion Thomas, Cleveland	L 6
Feb.	1—Marion Thomas, Indianapolis	L 6
May	11—Jerry Strickland, Cleveland	W 4

TONY JOHNSON, Page 600
Columbus, Ohio — Junior Welterweight

1977

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May	8—Abel Cordoba, Los Angeles	W 10

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PETE RANZANY, Page 654, ADD:

1977

June	—Babs McCarthy, Incline Village, Nev. ...	W 10

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LOU BENSON, Page 516
Correct Record:
Baltimore, Maryland — Light Heavyweight
Born: March 17, 1957

1975

May	22—Larry Washington, Baltimore	W 4
June	17—Lloyd Palmer, Largo	KO 2

1976

Dec.	2—Bob Wert, Baltimore	KO 4

1977

Feb.	5—Bob Wert, Baltimore	KO 4
Apr.	4—Carlos Prigg, Landover	L 4
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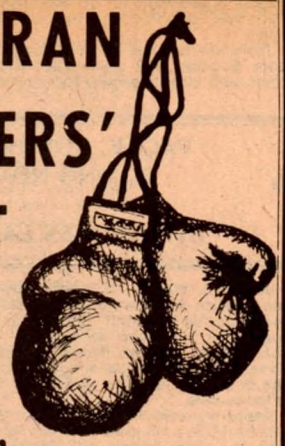

By Harry Warren

PHIL SCOTT, the British boxing luminary, who was mentioned in this column (February, 1978) has decided that England is too cold for him. At 76 years of age, he and his wife took off by Jet to Australia, to round out the rest of their lives "down under". When PHIL SCOTT in 1931 visited the United States for a three-fight series, which actually finished up as a series of fourteen contests, along with him came a young boxer named EDDIE STEELE. He fought six contests in the States and fought at Madison Square Garden and at St. Nicks. Among his opponents were ROY LAZER, MAURICE STRICKLAND and CHARLIE BERLANGER. Later STEELE fought and beat TOMMY FARR and lost close decisions to WALTER NEUSEL and LARRY GAINS. (WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO EDDIE STEELE?). . . .

Greater Cleveland Hall of Fame added twenty seven new inductees into their glorious shrine. PHIL BROCK—lightweight who fought world champions WILLIE RITCHIE and the English great FREDDIE WELSH, JOHNNY PATRICK KILBANE—world featherweight champion Feb. 22nd 1913, thru to June 2, 1923. Won the title from ABE ATTELL, lost it to EUGENE CRIQUI. Member of Boxing Hall of Fame 1960. JOEY MAXIM, who won world light-heavy title from England's FREDDIE MILLS Jan. 20, 1950-Dec. 17, 1952. Other champions inducted were GEORGE PACE, bantamweight, JOHNNY RISKO, heavyweight, who defeated MICKEY WALKER, MAX SCHMELLING, JACK SHARKEY and GEORGE GODFREY. Also fought GENE TUNNY and MAX BAER. . . .

CHAMP SNELL, founder of VBA, Ring 102 of Greater Paterson, New Jersey is a very dedicated man. Has been the recipient of 25 awards and honored by so many societies and veteran boxing groups that it would be impossible to put them into this column. Now 62 years of age, this ex-boxer, trainer, coach of boxing, baseball, bowling and many other sports and is recognized as the Childrens Champion. "I am dedicated to combating juvenile delinquency by promoting decency by helping children in sports. I believe in the three B's: Boxing, Baseball and Bowling." CLARENCE "CHAMP" SNELL, has worked for the Erie Lackawanna Railway Company for 39-years. Champ SNELL may be contacted at 182 Beech Street, Paterson, N.J. 07501. SNELL is a member of Ring 37, of Omaha, Nebraska, Ring 44, Buffalo, N.Y., and Ring 102, of Greater Paterson, N.J. Member of New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame, and Paterson Sports Hall of Fame. Keep up the good work, champ. . . .

The newest veteran boxing organization, Ring 107, of Providence, Rhode Island, now has its executive committee, President is LARRY BOLVIN, First V.P. CHARLES LaGORE, 2nd V.P. DON DeCIANTIS, Secretary, AL COSTA, Treasurer, MARTIN TABER. Information may be obtained by writing to TEX JORDAN, publicity officer, 172 Tennyson Road, Warwick, Rhode Island 02888. . . .

ERNIE WOODMAN, a great guy to have in your corner. He is the current president of the Sussex-Ex Boxer Association. A former heavyweight contender for the British title. The members of the sunshine resort have a great clubhouse, it is the Restaurant of the County Ground Hotel, Eaton Road, Hove, almost on the sea-front. The meetings of the organization are held the Second Sunday of each and every month. Among its membership are ex-champion, DAVE McCLEAVE, former world Jr. Welter Champion JACKIE "KID" BERG, promoter JACK SOLOMONS, the Dean of British Promoters, DAVE FINN, a former champion-boxer, who became a highly publicized promoter. Yes, the Sussex group is a very active and charitable organization. Why not visit the group on a meeting day, at least, have a Sunday meal. . . . Former lightweight champion of Great Britain, the late DAVE CROWLEY, has become immortalized by members of the London Ex-Boxers Association donating their shillings to create an annual award. "The Dave Crowley Memorial Belt to the Best Boxer of the Year." The first recipient of this unusual award went to MAURICE HOPE. I am grateful as are all British boxing groups that the London Ex-Boxer group are perpetuating the memory of this fine athlete. This writer recalls that when working on the boxing movie, "The Square Ring," with Joan Collins, Kay Kendall, George Rose, Alfie Bass, Sydney James, Jack Warner, and Jackie "Kid" Berg, Dave Crowley was a consultant and movie star Robert Beatty suggested that Dave and me do a round for old times sake and let the film crew have a break. With Jack "Kid" Berg as referee, and the late Maxwell Reed as timekeeper, we fought a ten minute round. It was a crazy, funny experience and Dave Crowley was a born comic. That was thirty years ago. How time flies. . . .

Former world bantamweight champion GEORGIE PACE, who defeated LOU SALICA, March 4, 1940 and lost the title to LOU SALICA Sept. 20, 1940 in a return bout. GEORGIE lives in Phoenix, Arizona. Write to him at 1021 East Washington. . . .

Jimmy Bivins resides in Cleveland, Ohio, write to him at 3206 East 137 Street. . . . Any interested Kentucky professional boxer-or-ex-boxer, official, trainer or manager, contact TOAD FRANKLIN, 3001 Dixie Highway, Shively, Kentucky 40216, or MIKE KIPPES, 3108 Mylanta Pl., Louisville, Kentucky 40220. The two former boxing personalities are involved in creating a Kentucky Boxing Hall of Fame. . . .

Former lightweight champion of the world LOU AMBERS, known as "The Herkimer Hurricane" twice winner of the title, in 1936 took the crown from TONY CANZONERI of New Orleans, losing the title to HENRY ARMSTRONG, "HAMMERING HANK," in 1937, but regained the title again from ARMSTRONG in 1938. LOU and his wife have a business in Phoenix, Arizona. LOU AMBERS was the center of attraction at the Cauliflower Alley Club, who were sponsoring the induction of the former champion at the Cockatoo Inn, Hawthorne, California, where the Boxing and Wrestling Shrine is located. The dais was loaded with fistic talent. All former world title-holders, JIMMY McLARNIN, (welter) MUSHY CALLAHAN, (Jr Welter), JIMMY CARTER (3-time lightweight) LAURO SALAS, (light) YOUNG CORBETT 3rd, (Welter) JOEY BURMAN (Bantam) and the former champion of Italy (welter) VINCE BARBI. This club certainly does things right. The president of the Cauliflower Alley Club is former wrestling star MIKE "Iron Man" MAZURKI, who is now a well sought after movie actor and has starred in many productions, such as "Murder My Sweet," "The Unconquered," and "Challenge to be Free." . . .

BILLY MAHONEY, former great welterweight from Fresno, has been keeping the sport of boxing alive in the Fresno area. He is a prominent sportswriter and the Founder of the California Boxing Hall of Fame located in Fresno. . . . Former lightweight contender NICK PETERS, now a successful bar and grill operator in Carlsbad, California. . . . RONNIE TREECE, 240 Lehigh Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15232, writes to me with a request: He says he hopes to write a T.V. show titled "Ring Glory" with former wrestling star MIKE MAZURKI as the host. He is seeking films such as ZALI vs. GRAZIANO; LOUIS vs. CONN; and films of the wrestling greats. Contact RONNIE at above address. . . .

All correspondence is welcome. Please send stamped addressed envelope or international mail coupon if desiring an answer.

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By JACK A. TREE

ZURLO RALLIES, SAVES CROWN

VIA REGGIO, European bantamweight champion Franco Zurlo, Italy, drew with Spainard, Esteban Eguia over fifteen rounds and retained his crown. A late rally saved the champion's title, wiping out the twenty-four-year-old, Eguia's lead on points collected over the first nine rounds or so. Zurlo won the title by beating Salvatore Fabrizio on February 23rd 1977 and has since made defenses against Paddy McGuire and Jacky Bihin. He is the tenth Italian to hold the bantamweight title, which was first fought for on March 7th, 1910, in London, when Joe Bowker ko'd Frenchman, Jean Audony in eight rounds. The Zurlo-Eguia bout was the ninety-eighth and Zurlo is the forty-second champion of the division. The bantamweight class has had more draws, ten, than any other. Out of 878 European title bouts, forty-six have ended all square.

In Ghent, Switzerland, European light heavyweight champion, Italian, Aldo Traversaro, collected 80,000 Swiss francs for making a voluntary defense against Francois Fiol, a Spaniard based in Switzerland. Traversaro, making his second defense this year, won on a TKO in seven. Georges Carpentier of France, became the division's first champion on February 12, 1913, in Paris when he kayoed Britain Bandsman Rice in two rounds. Since then there have been ninety-one fights and forty champions. Traversaro won the title, which was vacant, by beating Britain's Bunny Sterling on November 26th, 1977. He has since drawn with Dutchman Rudi Koopmans.

Jorgen Hansen, who threw away his European welterweight title in Berlin on August 6th last when he was disqualified in the thirteenth for butting German, Jorg Eipel, at a stage when he was a street ahead on points, is champion again. At Randers, before a crowd of nearly four thousand the Dane took the French champion, Alain Marion, apart in six rounds. Marion, twelve years younger than Hansen, too the crown from Eipel in Criel on December 17th last year. This was his first defense. Hansen, 35, was always in control over his somewhat inexperienced opponent.

In the sixth, Hansen decked his thirteen years younger opponent, and as the British referee, Sid Nathan, took up the count, Marion got to his feet under distress. A right and a left landed and the Frenchman took the full count. Ayub Kalule, junior middle, and Mustapha Wasajja, both from Uganda, and now based in Denmark, both won again. Kalule beat Idrissa Konate, TKO 7, and Mustapha Wasajja outscored Victor Attivor from Ghana over ten rounds.

FRANCE

▲**Villeurbanne**—Featherweights: Albert Amatler knocked out Sergio Emil, four. Junior lights: Charly Juriette beat Jim Pierre Hainault, who retired with cuts in the seventh.

▲**Criel** — Welterweights. Alain Marion decisioned Esperno Postl in a ten rounder. Featherweights: Gerard Jacob outscored Jose Malgueves, ten.

▲**Marseilles** — Welterweight. Alain Ruocco tko'd Juan Acosta, three. Bantamweights: Dominigue Cesari outscored Arrow Abu, ten.

ITALY

▲**Milan** — Light heavyweights: Ennio Cometti kayoed Eddie Fenton eight. Bantamweights: Giuseppi Fossati stopped Nessim Zebilini, five; Franco Buglione outscored Teodoro Corallo, eight. Junior welters: Alfonso Carillo and Giovanni Carrino drew, eight.

▲**Lugo di Romagna** — Junior welterweights: Roco Frisi decisioned Augusto Quadri, eight. Lightweights: Angelo Marino TKO'd Antonio Germano, five.

▲**Turin** — Light heavyweights: Jose Lozano decisioned Gianni Pilippetto, eight. Junior welterweights: Franco Gallo knocked out Claude Viard, two.

▲**Florence** — Middleweights: Sandro Mazzinghi outscored Jean Claude Warusfel, ten.

▲**Rome** — Heavyweights: Vincenzo Pesapane outscored Massimo Scala six. Junior welterweights: Severino Picca stopped Luigi de Rosa, five.

▲**Pesaro** — Featherweights: Salvatore Melluzzo outscored Emiliano Da Silva, eight. Lightweights: Vincenzo Quero stopped Ugo Poli, two. Junior welterweights: Efisio Pinna decisioned Carlo Barabotti, eight.

▲**Bologna** — Heavyweights: Alfio Righetti outscored Joe Gholston, ten.

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Heavyweights
* Alfredo Evangelista (S)
1. Lorenz Zanon (I)
2. Lucien Rodriguez (F)
3. Alfio Righetti (I)
4. Dante Cane (I)
5. Domenico Adinolfi (I)
6. Jean Pierrre Coopman (B)
7. Al Syben (B)
8. Felipe Rodriguez (S)
9. Romeo Malgarini (I)
10. Bernd August (G)

Light heavies
* Aldo Traversaro (I)
1. Mate Parlov (Yugo)
2. Rudi Koopmans (H)
3. Emilio Cometti (I)
4. Sylvain Watbled (F)
5. Francois Fiol (S)
6. Robert Amory (F)
7. Onelio Grando (I)
8. Chistano Cavina (I)
9. Avenamar Peralta (S)
10. Gerald Bois (F)

Middleweights
* Gratien Tonna (F)
1. Vito Antuofermo (I)
2. Norbert Cabrera (I)
3. Fernando Valsecchi (I)
4. Angelo Jaccopucci (I)
5. Frank Reiche (G)
6. Mario Romersi (I)
7. Robert Benaquista (I)
8. Jules Bellaiche (F)
9. Sandro Mazzinghi (I)
10. Ellio Bettinzoli (I)

Junior middles
* Maurice Hope (GB)
1. Eckhard Dagge (G)
2. Frank Wissenbach (G)
3. Bruno Arcari (I)
4. Andoni Amana (S)
5. Jose Duran (S)
6. Claude Martin (F)
7. Joel Bonnetaz (F)
8. Gilbert Cohen (F)
9. Josef Pachler (A)
10. Dum Dum Pacheo (S)

Welterweights
* Jorgen Hansen (D)
1. Alain Marion (F)
2. Alois Carmeliet (B)
3. Horacio Ruiz (S)
4. Alain Ruocco (F)
5. Louis Acaries (F)
6. Giovanni Moleslini (I)
7. Francois Leon (S)
8. Jose Gomez Fouz (S)
9. Jacques van Melaerts (F)
10. Marijan Benes (Yugo)

Junior welters
* Jean Baptiste Piedevache (F)
1. Primo Bandini (I)
2. Fernandez Sanchez (S)
3. Giovanni Martinese (I)
4. Claude Lormeau (F)
5. Hans Hendrik Palm (D)
6. Erik Meronen (Fin)
7. Jean Saadli (F)
8. Alain Salmon (F)
9. Bruno Freshi (I)
10. Cemal Kamaci (T)

Lightweights
* Jim Watt (GB)
1. Perico Fernandez (S)
2. Antonio Ginaldo (S)
3. Giancarlo Usai (I)
4. Vincenzo Burgio (I)
5. Antonio Puddu (I)
6. Vincenzo Quero (I)
7. Andre Holyk (F)
8. Jeronimo Lucas (S)
9. Manuel Vasquez (S)
10. Alsonso San Miguel (S)

Junior lights
* Natale Vezoli (I)
1. Georges Cotin (F)
2. Isidoro Cabeza (S)
3. Elio Cotena (I)
4. Carlos Hernandez (S)
5. Salvatore Liscapade (I)
6. Miguel Molleda (S)
7. Rodolfo Sanchez (S)
8. Rene Martin (F)
9. Manuel Llata (F)
10. Ramon Marichal (S)

Featherweights
* Robert Castanon (S)
1. Cecilio Lastra (S)
2. Manuel Masso (S)
3. Nino Jimenez (S)
4. Michele Siracusa (F)
5. Salvatore Melluzzo (I)
6. Albert Amatler (F)
7. Sergio Emili (I)
8. Natale Caradda (I)
9. Salvatore Fabrizio (I)
10. Maurice Apeang (F)

Bantamweights
* Franco Zurlo (I)
1. Esteban Eguia (S)
2. Juan Francisco Rodriguez (S)
3. Guy Caudron (F)
4. Jacky Bihin (F)
5. Daniel Trioulaire (F)
6. Alfredo Mulas (I)
7. Franco Buglione (I)
8. Luigi Tessarin (F)
9. Pedro Molledo (S)
10. Teodoro Corallo (I)

Flyweights
* Franco Udella (I)
1. Emilio Pireddu (I)
2. Mariano Garcia (S)
3. Giovanni Camputaro (I)
4. Claude Tanda (I)
5. Jose Cantero (S)
6. Manuel Carrasco (S)
7. Domingue Cessari (F)
8. Christian Martin (F)
9. Nessim Zebelini (F)
10. Silvio Laconi (I)

AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

By SAM TAUB

NEW YORK — Madison Square Garden's "Summer Festival of Boxing," consisting of six eight rounders, drew a paid attendance of 7,382 with a gross intake of $82,854. There were highlights and dull spots but, on the whole, things moved to a climax, with the highlight the thrilling victory of Keven Smith of Jersey City over Clyde Mudgett of Indianapolis in a bang-bang battle that had the crows wild. Smith got the nod at the finish, overcoming a bad gash over his left eye. Smith scaled 176, his opponent 176½.

The man who created the most interest was the former prison inmate Bobby Halpern, from Westchester, N.Y., who, after two fairly good rounds against Guy Casale, of Brooklyn, ran smack into a right hander to the chin that left him crumpled in a heap on the canvas. He was out cold and referee Johnny LoBianco stopped it after counting six. Then it was excitement and fear because Halpern looked in bad shape but after many minutes the boxing commission physician, Dr. Edwin Campbell, announced he was O.K. The loser seemed to be doing fairly well in the first two rounds but the lights went out for him in the third. Halpern, a forty four-year old, tried, but he was put to sleep by the much younger man. Halpern weighed 192 against the winner's 198 pounds. Casale is only twenty two years old.

The co-feature ten spot had Greg Sorrentino, co-managed by former welter and middleweight champion Carmen Basilio, Gregg, who was a substitute managed to outpoint favored Bill Sharkey, of Queens, in a fair duel, both boys relying on their defensive skills. This bout came after the Halpern-Casale duel. Sorrentino did the better work and deserved the verdict. Sorrentino weighted 198, Sharkey, 196½. It was Sorrentino's thirteenth ring engagement and he's still learning.

As we said, there were many good moments in the long evening's activities. The eight-round welterweight duel between Johnny Turner of Brooklyn, 143 pounds, and Frankie Benitez, of Puerto Rico, 144, was a spirited affair, with Turner doing most of the damage and Benitez having his moments unteil he finally ran into the barrage in the final round that caused his downfall. A knockdown and then after another volley by Turner caused referee Herb Kronowitz to intervene, the fight ending after 1:28 of the eighth and final round. The go was interesting and the winner looked mighty good.

Another eight saw Marvin Stinson, of Philadelphia, 207, a protege of ex-champ Joe Frazier, toss a million punches in outpointing Pedro Soto of Puerto Rico, 200 pounds, in their eight spot. Soto is no longer the threat he was before he was kayoed, and seems gun sky. Stinson, however, despite tossing plenty of leather, couldn't dispose of Soto.

The card opened with G.G. Malando of Paterson, N.J., outmauling Nick Wells, a southpaw from Fort Worth, Texas who scaled 215 pounds, against the winner's 227½. Malanado was the better workman albeit the southpaw tried hard. Lew Eskin was the referee.

Just for the records, the ring announcer was Jack Lee and the judges were Sam Iran and Eva Shain. The referees were Eskin, Kronowitz, and Johnny LoBianco.

AROUND THE NEW YORK AREA

By CHARLES D. BROWN

COMMACK, N.Y. — 749 souls. That is all the people who deigned to appear at the latest card at the Long Island Arena, Long ISland's only fight showplace of an even semi-regular nature. And in one of those perverse little twists, the card of unknowns that produced that low gate proceeded to put forth their best efforts in a long time and the result was quite an action full card. And as is their wont, the small crowd soon was at least Sounding like a packed house.

The nominal headliner was Irish Paddy Dolan, lightweight (134, Northport, N.Y.). You might remember him as one of the early entries in the aborted RING U.S. tourney. He has had trouble finding similar magnitudes of work and is back in the clubs, bringing his big fan club with him. Dolan made unnecessary long work of his bout before scoring a six-round TKO over heavier but less experienced Dave Bolden (140, N.Y.C.). A smooth-as-silk boxer when he wants to be, Dolan was hot to score an early KO before the home-area folks and instead elected to slug it out with Bolden. It was a great match, but Dolan also left himself an easy target as a result of the strategy shift. Dolan took the early lead, the best punch in the first three rounds being a right hand that disposed of Bolden's mouthpiece. But Bolden was always strong, and was eager as Dolan to make a good showing. He came back strongly in rounds four and five—Dolan was forced to retreat into a peekaboo style on several occasions as he foolishly allowed himself to be worked into the ropes, where Bolden scored with heavy blows to the head, raising a purple blotch under the left eye of Dolan. It was more of the same in the sixth round, when Dolan at last broke out of a corner trap with a solid right to the jaw. Bolden spun completely around like Nijinsky, then turned his back on Dolan. Paddy debated whether or not to be a gentleman before finally charging after Bolden and ripping home two more rights to the jaw. Ref Johnny LoBianco stopped it at 2:58 of the sixth—Bolden was ready to serve tea, so out of things was he. So, Dolan gets reckless but keeps on winning. He reminds me of Ruby Goldstein as a fighter, which is both good and bad. Ask Ruby what it means.

The six-round semi-final consisted of the second comeback fight of "old-time" heavy contender Hubert Hilton, age 38 and still a trim-looking 198 pounds (Hempstead, N.Y.). His opponent was one Roberto Castro (N.Y.C.), a decidedly UN-trim 203 pounds. He looked like a pizza and chocolate icing freak. Castro had the better of things for two rounds, then just couldn't move all those groceries any longer. Hilton landed two rights to the jaw and the exhausted Castro sprawled onto the ring apron, too tired and too middle-age spreaded to arise. It was a kayo for Hilton at 2:07 of round three, and why does he go on?

Light-heavies William Turner (176, Bellport, N.Y.) and John Powells (173½, Glen Cove, N.Y.) had a hot return go of a four-round draw at this arena in February, 1978. This time Powells took a split decision over six. Turner took the early lead but tired after round four and Powell was able to punch him around easily in the last two heats, inflicting an annoying bloody mouth on Turner. Powells failed to make the best use of his longer reach and a whiplike left hook that we all know he has. Where is it?

In a scheduled middleweight sixer, Roy Edmonds (163, Brooklyn) waited until 1:04 of the second round to drop the bomb on Earl Harris (159, Westbury, N.Y.). When it came, it was a looping left uppercut to the point of the chin. Harris dropped as if he had been mustard gassed and ref LoBianco quickly excused him for the rest of the night. Harris was paid $300 for taking the punch, in case that interests you. Edmonds looked sharp.

A welterweight four saw visiting Henry Neilson (146, Charleston, S.C.) Squeeze out a split decision over Carlos Marchand (141½). Marchand has one of those Tarzan builds where all the weight is above the chest and Neilson had his hands full fending off his muscular blows. Reception—mixed.

Light heavy Irish Wayne Kelly, a personable fellow who doesn't work as often as he should, was snake-bit again. His opponent didn't show up and he was forced to fight a four-round exhibition with local WELTERWEIGHT George Fakaris, whom he must have outweighed by thirty pounds. The exhibition was not entertaining, with Kelly being forced to pull most of his blows.

▲BROOKLYN, N.Y. — The neighborhood boxing cards at Roll-A-Rama in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn, N.Y. continue to draw packed houses to the small roller rink in good or bad weather. The customers got five fights, all lasting the distance—thirty two rounds of boxing at the last show. A heavyweight main event and semi-final added especial interest, because the four heavyweights involved all knew how to take punishment standing up.

Bill Sharkey (196, Queens), upped his record to 19-1 by opting for the exercise route and taking a slow but not totally uninteresting ten-round decision over veteran trial horse Vic Brown (211, Buffalo, N.Y.) who looked like he didn't train much. Fans had expected a quick KO for the powerful Sharkey, but Bill is one of those strong local boys, too good for the stiffs and too green for the Top Ten. Caught in the middle like that, every opportunity to fight is a small blessing. Sharkey elected to stretch his muscles over the long route—I got the impression that he was carrying Brown through the early rounds. Brown was in a defensive posture for most of the fight and took no more than two rounds on any scorecard in dropping the duke. I had it a shutout for Sharkey.

Brown is a professional survivor—the "traveling opponent" who tries to last the distance. Sharkey is still a headhunter despite his long string of wins—he didn't throw a punch to Brown's medium-flabby middle until the seventh round. By that time, Brown had managed to inflict a small cut below Sharkey's left eye with one of his few decent blows.

For the final four rounds, Sharkey devoted himself to getting as many hooks and uppercuts as he could through Brown's peekaboo protection. Brown sported a nose cut in three places at the finish. Still, after seeing Sharkey stagger Brown with a right smash to the face immediately after the opening bell, you couldn't shake the feeling that Brown would have gone had Sharkey so willed it.

The eight-round semi-final was a triumph for local Idol Guy (Rocky) Casale (201, Brooklyn). Casale, a powerful slow-footed heavyweight who bears a strong physical resemblance to Marciano, has legions of followers. Casale was red-hot and took a unanimous 8-round revenge decision over Richard Roy (200, Sparta, N.Y.); a Muhammed Ali sparring partner. Roy had outpointed Casale in the Felt Forum six weeks earlier, and made Casale look very bad in the process. Casale stormed right into Roy and before you could say "Brockton, Massachusetts", a short right to the head dumped a surprised Roy for a two count. That was the story of the fight—except for moments in the third and seventh rounds when Roy got in some woozying counter blows that made Casale stumble, Roy just didn't have a chance to box. A seemingly inexhaustible Casale kept making clumsy lunges, winging in the hooks to the head. Roy did his best to punch with Casale, only to be methodically overwhelmed and outmuscled right down the line. Also getting a big hand was special Roy cornerman Drew (Bundini) Brown; Ali's noted right-hand mouth; who kept up a loud stream of chatter.

In a six-rounder that set new records for cruelty, local puncher Mike Tarasawich (182, Brooklyn) floored game Arnold Rodriguez twice and won a six-round decision. Tarasawich bleeds, but he is also a brutal puncher and he had a great target in Rodriguez. Tarasawich decked Arnold in the opening heat with two left hooks to the head, and finished up the round with a left hook to the rib cage. In the third, a powerful right hand exploded poor Rodriguez's nose and it bled continuously after that. In the sixth, with blood pouring from his mouth, Rodriguez was floored by a right hand that destroyed his upper lip. The final bell rang with Rodriguez just up. Rodriguez was rumored to have taken 40 stitches inside his mouth.

In a four, local prospect Louis Hubela (136½, Brooklyn) won a four-round decision over David Vega (138, New York City) with a strong punching rally in the final heat. The "slip" suffered by Hubela in the third was the result of a right hand, by the way. In a middleweight four, Robert Morales (154, Bronx) got a unanimous decision over Francisco Lopez (151, NYC). The last two rounds of slugging made up for a slow start.

COLBERT STOPS "BAD NEWS" IN TEN

By JIM BUSS

LAS VEGAS — The world's third-ranked middleweight, Mike Colbert of Portland, Ore., scored a tenth round technical knockout over (Bad News) Wallace of Phoenix on a Tony Trudnich promotion before 1,600 fans in the Hotel Sahara Space Center.

The bout was a North American Boxing Federation elimination contest scheduled for twelve rounds with the winner (Colbert) scheduled to face the winner of the David Love-Casey Gacic bout later in May in the Sahara.

Colbert and Wallace entered the ring with identical 20-1 records. However, Colbert is regarded as a boxer and Wallace a slugger. Colbert has halted only four foes in twenty-one wins while Wallace has stopped seventeen in twenty victories.

Wallace appeared content to look for the one opening to land the big punch to put the crafty Colbert down. But it never happened. Wallace, carrying his left hand low throughout, found himself on the floor in the first minute of the bout as the result of a right hand lead to the head tossed by Colbert.

Colbert used his left to good advantage and had won every round in this writer's opinion, except one which was called even. The latter, the sixth, saw Colbert go down on a questionable ruling. The blow didn't appear to land solidly and Colbert appeared to have slipped. But he was given an eight count.

Wallace reportedly had undergone a managerial change within the past few bouts and was a big disappointment. The bout was halted when Wallace recieved a bad cut over the right eye.

In preliminary bouts, Lenny Hardman of Phoenix scored a fifth round knockdown with two uppercuts but had to settle for an eight-round decision over Ted Sanders of San Diego, and lightweight Rogelio Castaneda of Mexico outboxed Jorge (Kid Dynamite) Morales of Los Angeles over ten rounds.

VANCOUVER AND VICINITY

By JIM JOHNSTON

EVERETT, WASH. — Ibar Arrington continued his winning ways when he stopped George Jerome of Vancouver in the eighth of a scheduled ten-round heavyweight bout. Arrington weighed 198 to 234 for Jerome. A crowd of about 700 turned up resulting in a $2,000 loss to promoter Joe Toro, Jr.

The first four rounds were close, but Arrington dominated the action from the fifth round on, scoring repeatedly with left jabs and overhand rights. A right uppercut, which landed on Jerome's adam's apple in the sixth round, resulted in the Canadian taking a standing six-count on the ropes. Arrington opened cuts over both of Jerome's eyes in the seventh, causing the doctor to stop the bout at the beginning of the eighth round.

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WALKER OVER CRUZ IN FRISCO

By CHRISTOPHER COATS

After a year of scheming, someone finally put on a fight card in San Francisco. The locale was Cesar's Palace, a neighborhood disco that had all the ingredients of the old time fight clubs as a near packed house of sweaty and enthusiastic fans responded to three good fights.

In the main event, between middleweights, Henry Walker, Los Angeles, won a unanimous decision over Rudy Cruz, Fresno, in ten rounds. There were no knockdowns, but each fighter made it interesting after two rounds of dancing and posing.

Cruz, 159, is a southpaw who fought almost exclusively in northern California, compiling a record of 23-10-1, with wins over Rudy Robles, Karl Vinson, and Felton Marshall. Cruz's only lose within the distance came against David Love.

Walker, 156, is twenty-eight, and has upped his record to 24-6-1, with four victories and one lose since making a comback following an industrial accident three years ago. Walker has had trouble with full-size middleweights in the past.

The card was promoted by Luis Curiel, who feels that the nightclub setting is perfect in attracting a neighborhood audience. Cesar's Palace undoubtedly regarded the card as a huge success, since it probably had the busiest bar in town that night. Matchmaker Ted Clark wants to avoid putting together the one-sided matches that turn the fans off.

In another ten-rounder, Greg Stephens, 151, Los Angeles, was awarded a split decision over Fred Lorna, 147, of Fresno. Stephens was accompanied to San Francisco with trainer Bill Slayton, who also handles Ken Norton.

In an opening six-rounder, Carloz Zuniga, 119, Stockton, was awarded a knockout win over George Maldonado, 120, Mountain View, midway through the third frame. Zuniga, a tall, gutty southpaw, made his pro debut a success after getting his foe badly cut and helpless on the ropes.

CONCORD—It was a match up between the young, undefeated pro seeking greater fame at the expense of the proven veteran, who had of late showed signs of slipping. It seemed like a hackneyed script, but George "Cool Head" Cooper proved the script all wrong as he knocked out Erwin Williams in the fifth round.

Williams was dropped to the canvas twice in the fifth after having held his own for the first four frames. The ending, which stunned the audience, was accomplished by a brutal short right to the chin.

Controversy surrounded the knockout because Williams' manager, Bill Sanford, contented that the bell had rung before the second knockdown. True enough, the pandemonium that resulted from the first knockdown had drowned out the sound of the bell. However, the State Athletic Commission reviewed a film of the fight, and Roy Tennison, assistant officer, ruled the knockdown came just before the bell.

The fight, which was for Cooper's state middleweight title, was a natural for local boxing fans. Both fighters train out of the Oakland Gym, and so, top honors at the busy gym were also on the line.

The card was promoted by the Concord Pavilion, with Tom Conroy doing most of the work for only the second boxing presentation at the ultra-modern Pavilion. A loud and obviously pleased crowd of 2,864 paid $23,688, which indicates that the fans are still out there and can be lured with a good card.

Williams came into the fight a slight favorite, though his record, (unbeaten in fourteen fights, twelve wins by kayo), hardly seemed to support the ringside odds. Williams has been pro less than two years, but holds wins over Renato Garcia and Vicente Medina.

THE CRITIC'S CORNER

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Jim, Ruby Robert, and Sailor, Tom, among others?

I wonder"

What about the Willard fight? Johnson later maintained that he "lay down" in order to ease his way to return home to the United States and his beloved mother. If he did, the sacrifice was in vain, for no clemency was forthcoming and he went back to Europe, until in 1919 he finally surrendered himself and served a year in Leavenworth on trumped-up Mann Act charges. His signed confession (later repudiated) may be seen today in the Ring Museum. Nat Fleischer paid him $250 for it during one of his impoverished periods—Jack was going to sell it to the *Morning World* for $200—but didn't believe it, and kept it locked up till Johnson died. Most contemporary critics feel that Johnson was fairly beaten.

ARGUELLO KNOCKS OUT TAM TO RETAIN TITLE

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there while in retreat.

"I have to know him; I want to see how he fights," Arguello said in halting English. "The last minute of the fight I have to take care because when I punch him he's drunk. . .and he's dangerous. You have to have three or four rounds to really know him."

They got acquainted in the fourth, when Tam was cut slightly under his nose.

A good four inches shorter than the 5'9" Nicaraguan, Tam was at a major disadvantage, constantly attempting to charge his opponent and pin him on the ropes. Frequently, Tam was successful, but, inevitably, it would be Arguello who would win the exchange.

"I can work long distance with him" the twenty-six year old champion said. "It's more easy for me."

Arguello, making his first defense of the 130-pound title he won from Alfredo Escalera last January in Puerto Rico, wasn't too surprised when Tam surrendered.

"The fighter, he see he can't beat me." The champ said matter of factly.

Arguello, now 54-3 (forty-four KOs) seemed to earn his large purse without much difficulty.

Diego Alcala of Panama lumbered to a unanimous ten-round decision over Miguel Maza of L.A. in a supporting bout.

A light puncher with a wide-open rather awkward style, Alcala, 134, was busy enough to easily beat Maza, 134. Alcala now is 22-2 twelve KOs. Other results: Fernando Cabanela, 126, Manila, P.I., decisioned Manuel Abedoy, 127, Tijuana, ten; Mike Doakes, 201, Akron, decisioned Dan Johnson, 209, Los Angeles, six.

VORASING UPSETS CASTILLO

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tide, however Netrnoi's gameness was too much for him.

The win uppes Netrnoi's record to nineteen wins against three losses and one draw, while Castillo, a lefthander, suffered his fifth setback against twenty-six wins. The Mexican received a purse of $25,000.

Netrnoi, a Prospect of the Month Pick by *Ring Magazine* beame a boxer three years ago after his kick-boxing career. The Thai youngster had an ambitious crack at Luis Estaba's title of the 108-pound division, but was decisioned in fifteen unanimous rounds in Caracas, Venezuela, on October 30 of last year. Netrnoi jubilantly said, "Castillo was a strong puncher, but I attacked him with all I had. By the end of the tenth round, I was sure I won the crown, having piled up so many points." The dethroned champ said, "Netrnoi fought very well. He was a tough guy who endured my punches, and yet he came back very gamely to surprise me."

PIPINO BUTCHERS BILLY BACKUS

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the bell. Backus never landed a punch in that round.

Panamian referee Carlos Berrical asked the ring doctor to check Backus eye at the end of round one. Dr. Roger Thill told the referee that the bout would have to be stopped.

Cuevas stated after the fight "This was the easiest championship fight I've ever had."

For the soutpaw Backus, it might be the last bout he'll ever have. Billy should call it a career. There is no place to go from here.

Jose received over $100,000 for the bout, Backus' end was $25,000.

Under-card: New York's Harold Weston was a winner over Mexico's Jose Palacios in ten dull rounds. Weston was kayoed by Cuevas his last time out. Palacios was knocked out in his bid for the world welter title by Carlos Palomino in thirteen rounds last December.

Ranking middleweight and Mexican King Marcos Geraldo got off the deck twice to kayo another Mexican, P. Garcia, in defense of his Mexican middleweight championship.

THE NIGHT THE LIGHTS WENT OUT FOR WALKER

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a bar room brawl, threw a wild punch and who did he hit? Jack Kearns!

By the time the ring was cleared, another five minutes had elapsed. When the bell rang beginning the second round, both fighters came out winging. Suddenly, halfway through the round Swiderski hit Walker with another right flush on the button. Walker fell as if poleaxed. He didn't budge as the count came to seven. Suddenly the lights went out and the huge arena was plunged into darkness. By the time the lights went on and order was restored, Walker was sittting on his stool in his corner. Kearns and Hayes acted as if it were an every day occurrence. Kearns, by his own admission in later press statements, had pulled the power switch to save his champion from a sure K.O. defeat!

Swiderski still held the upper hand in the third round, flooring Walker several more times. But coming out for the fourth, Walker strted to come on, hitting the tiring Swiderski with some wicked body shots. The remaining six rounds were a real slugfest, with Walker scoring four knockdowns and Swiderski an additional three. The fight ended as it began—a no decision affair, with the winner being selected by the reporters and fans.

There were a total of eighteen knockdowns during the wildest evening in the past fifty years of modern fisticuffs! It was a fight night no one present would forget!

BOXING IN MEXICO

By EDUARDO AMER

▲**SAN LUIS POTOSI:** Alberto "Costeno" Morales, 112, best Francisco "Trompo" Marquez, 112, ten rounds, to gain the North American flyweight title; Juan Alvarez, 108, decisioned Pedro Galaviz, 108, in ten, to become the North American jr. flyweight champion; Antonio Avelar, 112, tko'd Freddy "Riel" Hernandez, 112, of Colombia, in eight; Mario Hernandez, 114, tko'd Rafael Silva, 114, in three; "Lobita" Ramirez, 114, stopped Daniel Segura, 113, two.

▲**CIUDAD OBREGON, SONORA:** Ruben Olivares, 128, tko'd Jose Luis Ramirez, 129, in two; Rodolfo Chavez, 116, bested Bernardo Ibarra, 117, ten.

▲**MEXICO CITY:** Antonio Nava, 132, whipped Lupe Galindo, 135, ten; Abraham "Yaqui" Meneses, 196, tko'd Jorge "Martillo" Flores, 206, in five; Alejandro Lopez, 125, won from Demetrio Vega, 125, eight; Oscar Gomez, 111, decisioned Baltazar Espana, 111, in six; Trinidad Madrid, 115, tko'd Juan Padilla, 116, three.

▲**CHAMPOTON, CAMPECHE:** Manuel Polanco, 117, tko'd Raul Martinez, 118, in five.

▲**TUXTLA GUTIERREZ, CHIAPAS:** Jaime Fernandez, 111, ko'd Hector Cortes, 111, three; Eduardo Torres, 117, kayoed Memo Molina, 117, in eight; Rosemberg Macias, 125, tko'd Esteban "Acorazado" Gordillo, 125, in one.

▲**CIUDAD NETZAHUALCOYOTL, ESTADO DE MEXICO:** Raul "Chamaco" Lopez, 122, outpointed Mario San Martin, 121, ten; Magallo Alvarado, 125, whipped Eloy Hernandez, 126, in ten; Jose Ruiz, 113, decisioned Juan Manuel Hernandez, 113, in eight; Salomon Castillo, 116, topped Valerio Nunez, 116, in six; Guillermo Vallejo, 110, ko'd Arturo Campos, 110, in two.

▲**MERIDA, YUCANTAN:** Luis Enrique Garcia, 113, stopped Alfonso Rivera, 112, four; Juan Herrera, 110, halted Gregorio Tlaguayachi, 111, in two; Ricardo "Leoncito" Peralta, 125, tko'd Armando Castillo, 126, in two; Roberto Llanes, 119, beat Juan Jimenez, 120, six; Marco Figueroa, 111, decisioned Ramon Ortiz, 109, in four.

▲**MEXICO CITY:** "Loba" Ramirez, 171, tko'd Roberto Cruz, 172, one; Carlos Ibarra, 121, ko'd Jose Gonzalez, 112, in two; Jorge de Jesus, 111, bested Agustin "Kimba" Palacios, 112, in eight; Beto Perez, 111, decisioned Mauri Maranon, 110, six; Noel Garcia, 116, tko'd Julio Ruiz, 117, in four.

▲**ACAPULCO, GUERRERO:** Ricardo Lira, 112, and Victor Hugo Aguirre, 112, drew, ten; Felipe Farias, 111, flattened Adres Beristain, 112, in three; Julian Herrera, 134, and David "Diablo" Cruz, 135, drew in six.

▲**CIUDAD JUAREZ, CHIHUAHUA:** Memo Ayala, 118, tko'd Jose Angel Cazares, 118, in seven.

▲**GUADALAJARA, JALISCO:** Manny Garcia, 118, tko'd "Torito" Melendez, 118, in six; Carlos Gomez, 111, tko'd Cecilio Ostos, 111, five.

▲**MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON:** Andres Hernandez, 146, kayoed Basilio Guajardo, 145, in four.

▲**VILLAGRAN, GUANAJUATO:** Nicandro Martinez, 118, won from Carlos Morales, 117, in ten; Efrain Chacon, 117, tko'd Alfonso Calderon, 117, in one; Guadalupe Lopez, 118, won by a disqualification over Luis Gonzalez, 119, in four; Agustin Toral, 146, tko'd Primitivo Sanchez, 147, in four.

▲**MEXICO CITY:** Justo Garcia, 112, decisioned Raymundo "Torito" Cardoso, 125, ten; Carlos Saldivar, 126, tko'd Arturo Sanchez, 124, in nine; Felipe "Tigre" Fernandez, 119, stopped Marcelo Hernandez, 124, in four; Alfredo Vazquez, 118, tko'd Felipe Azamar, 117, in one; Julio Martinez, 123, tko'd Leonel Campos, 123, in two.

▲**TAPACHULA, CHIAPAS:** Salvador "Olivaritos" Avendano, 108, kayoed Enrique "Tranquita" Brown, 109, in two.

▲**TUXTLA GUTIERREZ, CHIAPAS:** Juan Pablo Oropesa, 135, tko'd Alfredo Gusman, 135, in three.

▲**MERIDA, YUCATAN:** Francisco Figueroa, 119, tko'd Antonio Marquez, 119, in 4; Alex Parra, 112, stopped Ruben Lovera, 115, in two; Luis "Pajarito" Aguilar, 113, bested Manuel "Zurdo" Avila, 114, in eight; Eduardo Acosta, 111, and Ricardo "Zorrito" Acosta, 111, drew in four; Jose Medina, 120, won from Arturo Manrique, 122, in four.

▲**CIUDAD NETZAHUALCOYOTL, ESTADO DE MEXICO:** Raul Arroyo, 121, tko'd Roberto "Indio" Toxtle, 125, in four.

▲**MEXICO CITY:** Juan "Monito" Diaz, 111, tko'd Miguel Navarro, 111, three; Jose Luis Tapia, 134, ko'd Agustin Ramirez, 135, in five; Juan Jimenez, 125, tko'd Emilio Martinez, 125, in four; Guillermo Chapa, 110, tko'd Anselmo Martinez, 109, in four; Pedro Lopez, 124, tko'd Carlos Alvarez, 123, in three.

▲**CAMPECHE:** Adolfo Sanjeado, 146, bombed Antonio Anguisna, 147, in one. Jose "Pelucas" Acosta, 115, stopped Jorge Coria, 116, in five.

▲**MEXICO CITY:** Mario Gatica, 111, tko'd Juan Zarate, 112, in one; Miguel "Raton" Gonzalez, 111, tko'd Alfonso Aguilar, 111, in four; Alejandro Flores, 113, tko'd Mario Rios, 112, in four; Silvestre Dominguez, 114, tko'd Roberto Chavez, 114, in two; Carlos Morales, 117, beat Federico Nunez, 116, in four.

▲**MERIDA, YUCATAN:** Pauline Canche, 118, decisioned Marco "Panaderito" Ricalde, 117, in ten; Roman Acosta, 112, tko'd Javie Garcia Chac on, 112, in six; Ranulfo Cano, 112, whipped Marco Ventura, 113, in six; Ruben Carballo, 112, won by a disqualification over Salvador Mendez, 113, in one. Jaime Balam, 113, iced Raul Armando Kob, 112, in one.

▲**COATZACOALCOS, VERACRUZ:** Esteban "Gallito" Ramirez, 118, embalmed Fidel Trejo, 119, six.

▲**POZA RICA, VERACRUZ:** Feliz "Pachuco" Mendez, 146, nailed Jose Soto, 145, in five.

▲**ACAPULCO, GUERRERO:** Fabian Palma, 118, stopped Salvador Estrada, 118, in six; "Yuyo" Suastegui, 118, tko'd Antonio "Chamaco" Hernandez, 119, in two; Miguel Bracamontes, 112, beat Domingo Mayoral, 118, in eight.

▲**GUADALAJARA, JALISCO:** Rosendo Ramirez, 125, gained Pedro Martinez, 125, in ten; Pancho Acosta, 115, ko'd "Chino" Uribe, 115, five.

▲**TAMPICO, TAMAULIPAS:** Juan Paredes, 118, tko'd Memo Torres, 117, in five; Rafael Pena, 124, tko'd Domingo Garcia, 125, in six; Gerardo Pena, 124, tko'd Mario Najera, 123, in two; Pepe Herrara, 127, tko'd Jesus Hernandez, 126, in six; Javier Mendoza, 119, beat "Chamaco" Gallegos, 118, in six.

▲**TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA:** Ismael Ruiz, 201, tko'd Macka Foley, 198, in four.

▲**NEUVO LAREDO, TAMAULIPAS:** Pedro Flores, 135, won by a disqualification over Ernesto Davis, 135, in ten; German Torres, 112, outscored Carlos Cantu, 112, in ten.

▲**MEXICO CITY:** Juan Elizondo, 134, ko'd Leonardo "Chino" Bermudez, 135, two; Chucho Ramirez, 129, tko'd Juan Sarmiento, 130, in eight; Moises Sore, 146, beat Dario Quintas, 145, in eight; Zenon Cosme, 117, and Rodolfo Morales, 118, drew, six.

▲**TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA:** Roberto "Negro" Torres, 134, tko'd Julio Lopez, 133, seven; Rafael Nunez, 117, tko'd Rafael "Pollo" Lopez, 117, in six.

▲**CIUDAD NETZAHUALCOYOTL, ESTADO DE MEXICO:** Ruben Garcia, 125, bested Fidencio Gonzales, 125, in ten.

▲**MERIDA, YUCATAN:** Lupe Madera, 112, tko'd Juan Jose Guzman, 112, nine; Juan Herrera, 111, stopped Juan Cardona, 112, in six; Luis "Puma" Fuente, 125, tko'd Felipe Garcia, 125, in two; Manuel Hong, 116, tko'd Rommy Basto, 117, in two; Fernando Chavez, 112, bested Davis Elías Catzin, 112, in four.

▲**MEXICO CITY:** Francisco Manzo, 125, tko'd Fernando "Zarco" Martinez, 124, in two. Alejandro Lopez, 125, tko'd Salvador Sosa, 124, in two; Juan Hernandez, 134, tko'd Bernardo Irineo, 135, in one; Melesio Perez, 123, tko'd Enrique Vazquez, 124, in three; Rodolfo Ortega, 113, demolished Noe Lugo, 112, in one; Noel Huicochea, 113, tko'd Jose Florentino, 112, in five.

▲**MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON:** Ruben Rivera, 170, halted David "Maceton" Cabrera, 172, two; Rodolfo Valero, 114, stopped Ruby Mireles, 114, in five.

▲**GUADALAJARA, JALISCO:** Jesus "Chuy" Rodriguez, 134, tko'd Chuncho Salcedo, 134, in three to become lightweight champion of Jalisco State.

▲**ACAPULCO, GUERRERO:** Emilio "Cacha" Zamora, 125, tko'd Rafael Varela, 125, in eight; "Albanilito" Estrada, 113, tko'd Miguel Lira, 112, three.

▲**CUERNAVACA, MORELOS:** Raul Arroyo, 125, bombed Leonardo Cruz, 124, one.

▲**MEXICO CITY:** Jose Figueroa, 147, tko'd Cesar Savinon, 145, of Domican Republic, six; Carlos Ibarra, 121, bested Sergio Cabrera, 120, ten; Antonio Ramirez, 118, tko'd Martin Gallegos, 117, in six; Rafael Morales, 112, iced Jorge de Jesus, 112, in one; Genaro Romero, 111, decisioned Davis Garcia, 111, four.

▲**CIUDAD NETZAHUALCOYOTL, ESTADO DE MEXICO:** Juan Panchi, 136, ko'd Daniel Rojas, 135, in seven; Amado Ramirez, 124, bested Gil Espinosa, 125, eight. Claro Guzman, 146, outpointed Francisco Torres, 146, six; Miguel Cajero, 114, beat Juan de la Rosa, 114, in six; Artemio Xinatli, 134, whipped Anselmo Cubillas, 133, four.

STEPHENS KAYOES PRATER IN DALLAS

By JIMMY HYLES

Texas heavyweight champion Randy Stephens scored an impressive two-round knockout over Indiana's Tom Prater headlining Promoter Paul Percifield's boxing card in Convention Center auditorium. It was Stephens' first Dallas appearance since knocking Johnny Boudreaux loose from the title last fall. It was the second crowd-pleasing venture of promoter Percifield, and that is putting it mildly. Fight fans have been climbing the walls in all bouts put on by Percifield in both boxing shows he has staged.

With ex-welterweight champ Curtis Cokes and Angelo Dundee in his corner, Randy lost no time going after Prater. He floored the game Prater near the end of round one with a lethal left hook followed by a right as Prater was falling. Crowd noise drowned out the bell but referee Dickie Cole motioned Randy away as Tommy's wobbly walk to his corner was a clear giveaway of what followed in round two. Stephens swarmed all over Prater and almost knocked the luckless fighter thru the ropes with the finisher, a hard right to the jaw. A following left half turned Tommy around as he hit the canvas. He was counted out after 31 seconds of the round. A ringside doctor was needed to get Prater on his feet. The left hook in the first round by then had raised an egg-sized lump over the eye.

Angelo Dundee believes Randy can give the top-rated heavies a rough time. "He can take anyone out with either hand," he said, "if he hits anyone like he hit Prater tonight, they're gonna go down!" Prater will surely agree to that.

The ten-round co-feature was a rematch between Sugar Ray Phillips, Dallas middleweight and Joe Barrientes of Ft. Worth. There is no love lost between these two bulls and they made it a thrilling brawling slugfest. Again Barrientes had to take the loser's end of a split decision. Chris Dundee, Angelo's brother, termed it "highway robbery". Our Boxing Illustrated tally had Barrientes the winner. His aggressive body punishment was the deciding factor.

A sizzling prelim card saw Alfonza Dominguez decision Bobby Vascocu in six. These featherweights drew a standing ovation at the bell. Carl Ivey won over Fred Wallace; Paul Stephens beat Dennis Haggerty, and David Kuykendall had a TKO over Larry Jackson.

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NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

By RAY MITCHELL

MELBOURNE — Hector Thompson outpointed Andy Broome over twelve rounds at Melbourne Festival Hall, and thereby hangs a story. Thompson, former Australian and Commonwealth junior welter champ and former Australian welter title-holder (he relinquished that title), was billed to defend his Australasian junior welter crown against Broome. (An Australasian title takes in not only Australia but New Zealand and — lately — Papua New Guinea.) Hector, who has no trouble making 140, turned up in Melbourne on the morning of the contest, weighed in and the beam tipped to 143½, Panic! Thompson swore he was only 141 the night before and he had not eaten since. He was given two hours to remove the excess, so away he went to a suana. He returned — and scaled 143½!

He was stripped of his Australasian junior welter crown and the bount went on as a non-title affair, with Broome coming in at 137½.

The crowd at Festival Hall did not appreciate the contest going on non-title when they had paid to see a title tilt. But they had to lump it. Or did they? Strangely, no one thought to bill it as an Australasian welterweight title tilt, yet Thompson holds that title!

It was a good fight. Whereas in August, 1976, Thompson had knocked out Broome in round six, this one went the full distance, through Hector nearly ended it in round four. A thumping blow to the body decked Andy and nearly swept him out of the ring, but he beat the ten and continued. In round ten, he dazed Thompson, though he could not knock him down.

Referee Al Basten scored it to Thompson 116-115, while judges Gus Mercurio and Ken Brady saw it 115-113 and 116-113, respectively. Close.

The main support featured numbers one and three contenders for the Australian lightweight title, respectively Jeff Malcolm and Barry Michael, though each scaled 138 for this one. As expected by good judges, Malcolm won comfortably on points, though the three officials had it closer than the fans — 96-94, 96-93, 96-93. Malcolm, who has had three hard fights lately (his one-point win over Billy Moeller, reported last month, was the Fight Of The Year so far), was a little jaded, but still was too smart for Michael. Barry, on the other hand, suffered blurred vision in the bout — probably from a thumb, accidentally — and went to hospital for treatment. Stayed overnight.

In an eight on the same bill, unbeaten Graham Murray, 164, outpointed Graham Wynne, 167, in a good bout.

Promoter was Lionel Rose, former world bantam champion.

▲Thirteen nights earlier, Jeff Malcolm met Sakaraia Ve, champion of Fiji, at Suva. Jeff gave away weight (140 to 144) and lost a points decision. Malcolm and trainer John McColl laughed in disbelief when the verdict went to Ve. Malcolm snorted: "You have to knock out this fellow to get a draw!"

▲Commonwealth junior lightweight champion John Aba, 126, knocked out Brian Roberts, 124¾, of Australia, in round twelve of a voluntary defense by Aba at Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. The contest was voted the best seen in New Guinea. The local nearly lost it in round seven when he received a cut eye, but expert patching in the corner by Norm Salter enabled Aba to continue. In round eleven Aba decked Roberts. In round twelve he decked Roberts twice, and as Brian was regaining his feet the second time referee Steve Lewis stopped the fight. Roberts was exhausted. Roberts flew from Sydney to Port Moresby on the day of the fight, and ran into a heat wave.

▲At Boroko, Australian and Commonwealth junior welter championn Lawrence "Baby Cassius" Austin, 139, defended his Commonwealth crown against Tony Aba (John's brother), who scaled 140. Austin was far too good, decking Aba three times, the last for the count-out in round four.

In a support, John Aba met Austin's young brother David (Afro Savage) Austin. This ended in round one when Aba cut Austin's eye. Referee Dave Kelly declared a draw under cut-eye rules.

▲At Melbourne Town Hall, in a Lionel Ross promotion, Australian bantam and feather champion Paul Ferreri easily outpointed former world flyweight king Venice Borkorsor over 10. Cannot understand why the various rating bodies do not rank Paul high on the list. The only boxer to stop him was Carlos Zarate, and that stoppage was brought about by a cut eye in round 12. Ferreri would beat any other bantamweight in the world — probably. He also probably would beat some of the rated ten feathers.

On the Ferreri-Borkorsor bill, Pedro Solo tossed a shock into fans by stopping Golden Boy Glen Walsh in the eighth round of a ten for the vacant Victoria State flyweight title. Solo pressured Walsh to a standstill.

▲It was quite a night at Townsville (northern Queensland, Australia's most northern State), when the new welterweight champion of Australia, Neil Pattel, crossed gloves with former gym-mate Leroy King. There is no love lost between these two for some reason. Both homegrown products had plenty of fans. It was like the Martins and the Coys in the old western song. Fans of Pattel did not sit near fans of King, and vice versa! In the ring, the two boys pelted punches off each other with wild abandon. Pattel, a clever boxer, left his boxing at home. In round ten of this scheduled twelve (non-title), Pattel knocked out King who remained unconscious for about five minutes. Pattel scaled 150, King 152.

In September, 1974, Lanky redhead Steve Cansdell lost his Australian light heavyweight title to Steve Aczel. Cansdell promptly retired. Always a man with itchy feet, he travelled around Australia and a couple of months ago he went into partnership with two others in promoting boxing in a Queensland town named Urangan. First promotion was on March 17, with Cansdell himself on top of the bill. Party of the other part was Bevan Bleakley who began his career in 1962, retiredin 1969 — so his comeback came after eight years, eight months! This bout was billed for the vacant Queensland State heavyweight title. Cansdell, 172, won by KO in round six. Bleakley scaled 192. Doubt whether any Queensland heavy will dispute Big Steve's claim.

▲At the same town, Cansdell promoted again, this time headlining with a Queensland State featherweight title between Billy Facer and Fred Burns, each 126 pounds. Burns was dictating the trend of the contest until he ran into a big one in round eight, and that left Facer the new State champion.

Peter Fuller, Sydney trainer, began promoting at Mt. Pritchard Community Hall. Very successful in that the whole programme was exciting for the fans and there was a good rollup of customers. Headlining was a welter bout between Jimmy Greco, 146½, and Speedy Duke, 143. Greco won comfortably on points over ten and the crowd showered the ring with coins.

Over eight rounds, Reg King, 127, outpointed Garry Tempest, 125, in another shower fight, while Joey Collins, 146, drew with Harry Vale, 147, in a six-rounder that also drew a shower of coins. Two four-rounders completed the bill. Both good. Fuller will promote monthly at the club.

▲Bankstown R.S.L. Club — Eddie Buttons, 147, easily outpointed Steve Ayerst, 146, over ten. The other ten was much more exciting, with Rocky St Clair, 178, being a narrow points winner over Garry Hubble, 180. A large shower resulted. In an eight, Larry Valesini, 134, bustled smart-boxing Reg King, 132, to a standstill. King also suffered a cut eye and the bout was stopped in the sixth round. In another eight, Barry Bell, 128, outpointed Garry Tempest, 131. Both eight-rounders were showered.

▲South Sydney Junior Leagues Club, Kingsford — Roger Henry, 129, after a series of losing bouts against champions, had a good points win over Barry Bell, 128, in the main-event eight.

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CANADIAN MARITIMES

By FRED BISHOP

▲New Glasgow, N.S. — Lawrence Hafey, 145, New Glasgow, got back on the winning side after two losses, johnny Stef and Johnny Summerhays as he pounded out a ten-round unanimous decision over Bobby Hughes, 138, Toronto, Ont. in a busy go featuring Bill Chisholm's first card of the season. A crowd of 1,200 paid about $6,000 to watch this hard fought exciting go. A number of the fans booed lustily at the decision, thinking the worst Hughes would get was a draw.

In the semi-final, eight rounds, Donnie Johnson, 152, Halifax, stopped George Majors, 147, New York, midway through the second.

In six rounds, Ralph Hollett, 163, Halifax, punched too hard for Eddie Warner, 168, Port Hawkesbury, N.S., stopping Warner in the fifth round of the best fight of the card.

In four rounds, Hab Forbes, 172, Dartmouth, stopped Mark Stubbington, 170, Halifax, in just two minutes of the first. Both boys were breaking into the pro game.

Prior to the boxing matches a testimonial dinner was held for veteran promoter Harry Trainor. Harry, an old friend, had that area in the boxing news for over twenty years, promoting such outstanding fighters as Percy Paris, Jackie Hayden, Doug Odo, Gary Simon, Art Hafey and Bearcat Jackson.

ROCKY KO'S JOSE DURAN

(Continued from page 14)

The fight was a one-sided dull affair, with Mattioli landing everything and Duran getting tagged and his tired old body landing on the deck in the second, fourth, and, for the last time, the fifth. Every punch Duran was hit with almost put him on the floor, including jabs. It was a sad night for devotees of Spanish boxing.

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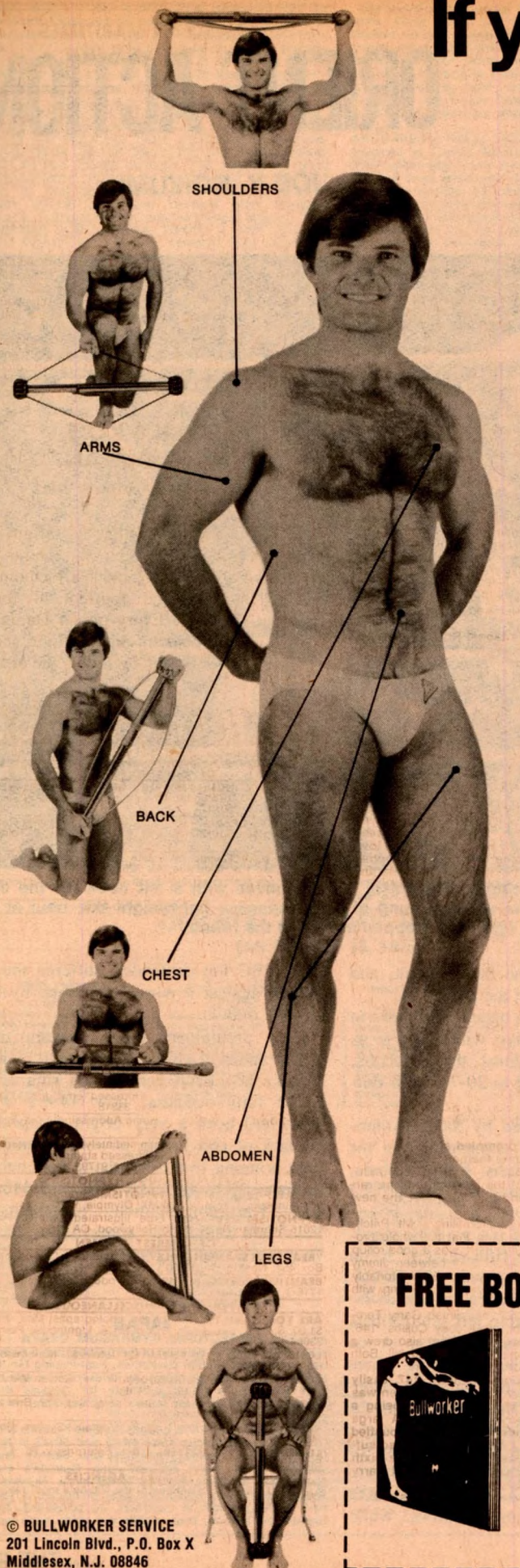

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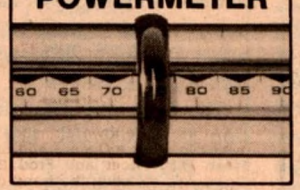

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ORIENT ACTION

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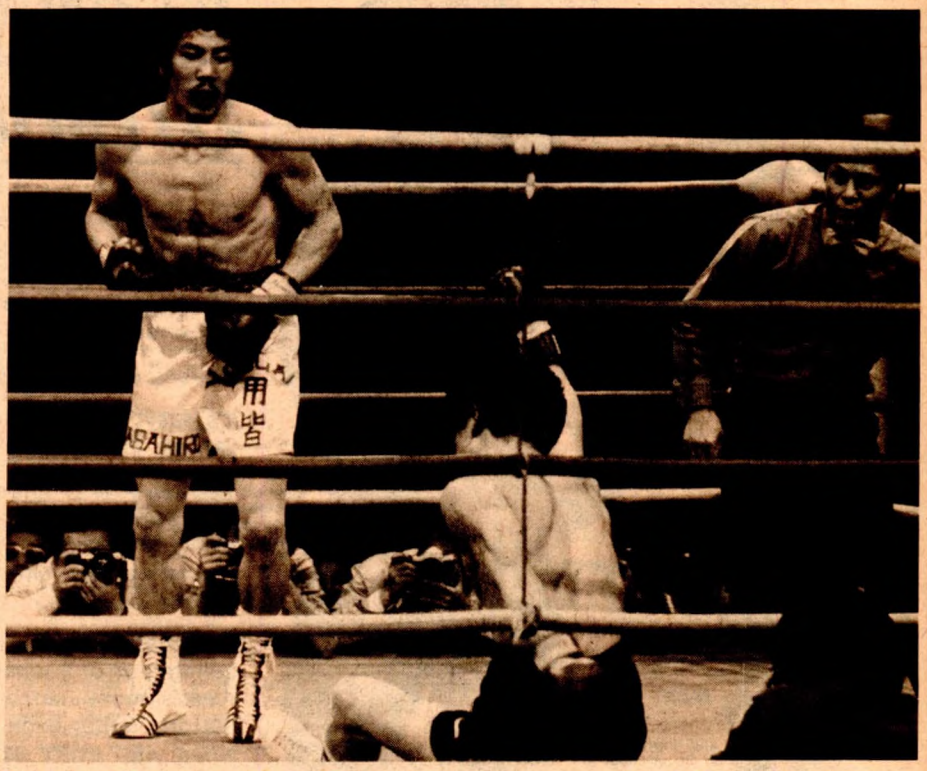
YOKAI KAYOES TAKAHASHI



Masahiro Yokai sends Hitoshi Takahashi to the canvas with a left hook for the first of three knockdowns in the second round of their Japanese lightweight title bout at Korakuen Hall in Tokyo. The fight was stopped at 2:07 of the round.

KORAKUEN HALL, TOYKO Hard-punching Japanese lightweight champion Masahiro Yokai, 135 pounds, was impressive as he demolished another kayo artist, Hitoshi Takahashi, 134 and Japan's top contender, with three knockdowns in the second round to cause an automatical stoppage and retain his title. It was a grudge fight, in many senses, before a capacity crowd of 2,500 fans, who rated each a fifty-fifty chance to win the contest. Each had a kayo streak of seven. Takahashi, piloted by ex-double crown winner Fighting Harada in the 112- and 118-pound classes, had outscored Yokai in June, 1976. However the latter had captured the national throne from Tamio Negishi in July last year. Moreover, defending champ Yokai had been named KO Award winner by the Tokyo Writers Club last year, after surpassing Takahashi by only one vote in the fight scribes' opinions.

Yokai, his one year junior at twenty three, started attacking the slow starter harshly in the opening session. Takahashi, taller by one inch, was on the defensive due to his nervousness and the champ's determined aggressiveness. Just close to the bell, Yokai's right landed and had the upright challenger wobbly.

As soon as the second canto began, Yokai swarmed over the lanky stylist. His well-timed left hook, hit Takahashi on the button to put him down on the seat of his pants. Getting up immediately, Takahashi never retreated but responded to him with hot rallies toe-to-toe. They mutually tossed a hard left shot, but Yokai's hit the target faster and more strongly. Even after the loser beat the count at the second knockdown, his reckless gameness made him display a stand-and-fight style for awhile. Takahashi's straightforwardness prevented him from moving away or grabbing his scrappy rival. He hit the deck again at 2:07 of the fatal session, and the ref, Yoshida, stopped the fight.

The important triumph upped his record to thirteen wins, ten by kayo with eight in as many recent bouts, against three defeats, while Takahashi dropped to 20-7-1 with thirteen KOs.

The card was presented by Saida Promotion as a dual JBC title competition. In the first tenner, elongated lefty Kenji Shibata, junior middleweight champ at 153, proved too strong for Minoru Ono, a quarter pound lighter, who was counted out with his standing count in 2:40 of the fifth session. Kenji displayed his superior power, as usual. Shibata did not show his often criticized chiken heart, but a devastating left sent Shibata to the deck in a somersault midway in the opening session. In the following three rounds, Shibata was in command completely. Shibata's solid combination, in the fatal round, had the challenger so groggy that referee Morita tolled the ten against the still standing man. Both are 25 years of age, but Shibata gained his 12th kayo and 20th win against 5 defeats and 2 draws, while Ono., JBC top contender, suffered the sixth setback against 9 wins (only three by kayo) and one draw.

In a preliminary eight, bantam upright stylist Satoru Uehara unanimously whipped Hiroaki Ito. Each entered the ring at 118-pound limit. Uehara, now 14-4-2 with 8 KOs, had been a very bright prospect, but his lack of convincing power prevented him from winning over formidable opponents. In another eight, aggressive Takeshi Mine defeated Kazufumi Shimono, a stablemate of Yokai and Shibata, by a unanimous decision. They were young lightweights.

JAPAN

▲OSAKA PREFECTURAL GYMNASIUM, OSAKA — On the same night, another defense of the national bantamweight title was witnessed by 3,000 customers. Fast-moving Go (Hisami) Numata barely kept his crown, as he eked out a split decision from Seishi Ii, a brutal substitute for Osaka's Waruinge Nakayama because of the latter's detached retina, in 10 heats.

Both scaled in at 117½ pounds. Judges Kurume and Inukai tabbed the monotonous affair 49-46 and 50-45 in Numata's favor, however referee Kashiwagi saw Seishi's fewer but stronger blows more effective than Numata's incessant powder-puff punching; scoring 47-48 for Ii. Numata lacked speed and snap, he would have been dethroned, if Nakayama had challenged him in condition, as scheduled. Numata's rounds, the second, third, eighth and ninth, were won by a

very slight margin. Ii was a hard-hitting youngster with the well-developed torsor, but his usual lack of follow-up failed to catch the fleeting champ except in the final round. Just before the main event, Hiroshi Horiguchi, Japan's former bantamweight champion with a gamecock style in 1940s, was given a Champion Belt after a quarter century by West Japan Commissioner Takeo Hasegawa. The Belt had been lost then, and was remolded recently as a token of the JBC's anniversary. In a supporting ten, veteran battler Kazunori Shiratori, No. 7 welterweight at 147, registered a one-punch kayo in 2:34 of the sixth round, over Hiro Inada, 143¾, a local favorite. In a preliminary six, bantie Kazuhito Eikura, the new Shinjin-o winner at 116¼, finished Makoto Kumagai, 118, midway in round four, after the former dropped the latter once in the third, and twice in the next fatal session. In another six, Akiyoshi Haruyama copped a shutout decision from Moriyasu Higashionna, ¾ pound heavier than the sharper winner.

▲KURAMAE SUMO ARENA, TOKYO — WBC flyweight champion Miguel Canto, Mexico, defeated Shoji Oguma, a Japanese lefthander, by a unanimous decision to register his twelfth consecutive defense since he had won the throne from this Oguma in January, 1975. British referee Harry Gibbs saw their third encounter 145-144, while Mexico's Jimenez Trava and Japan's Shoichi Uchida had it 148-145 and 147-144 respectively; all in Canto's favor. Some 8,000 customers were in attendance there.

▲CHOSHI CITY — No. 6 flyweight contender Masaru Fuji, 112, surprised the spectators at Choshi City Gymnasium, Chiba Prefecture, needed only 26 seconds to finish rising Bazooka (Odajima) Shoji, 112, in the second session of a scheduled tenner. Shoji, 22, was an ex-Shinjin-o victor and a prospect piloted by former bull battler Tamio Sasaki. Taller straight puncher Fuji became a JBC contender after his upset triumph over then highly rated Susumu Wakabayashi last year.

▲SHIGA PREFECRURE — A double title go drew only 1,500 fans at Shiga Prefectural Gymnasium, where the champions successfully retained their crows by decisions. Korea's OPBF junior middleweight titlist, Joo Ho, 153½ pounds, came to Japan for the first time to engage in a return bout with ex-champ Tsutomu Hagusa, 153, in twelve scheduled rounds. The result was a split draw. Referee Ugo of Tokyo saw the much expected but eventually disappointed bout a draw, 57-57. Judges disagreed with each other. Ryoji Kashiwagi, Osaka, gave his ballot 69-56 to Hagusa, while Cho Ik-Sung of Korea Boxing Commission had it 56-54 for the defending champ. The contest had the enthusiastic crowd on its feet only once in round four, when Hagusa scored with vicious rights at the taller newcomer's chin, dropping Joo Ho on two occasions. The Korean, hitherto unbeaten in 15 outings with a 14-0-1 record (five by kayo), was forced close to a kayo with very shaky mobility. But after the narrow escape, in the fifth round, Joo desperately fought back to refuse to go down again. Hagusa, with a very common 14-10 (5 KOs) record, won back the sixth session with his positive punching. Joo, who had dethroned Hagusa via a kayo route in Korea last year, regained his coolness and clearly dominated the eighth round by good use of his longer reach. Though people had favored Joo to finish the Japanese with his better power punching and skills, the bout went to the distance and the final twelfth session was taken by the stout built shorter Hagusa.

In the title go of JBC junior flyweight class, Kazunori Tenryu, 105½, annexed a unanimous decision from Osamu Yoshiyama, 108, to retain the crown for the eleventh time. 27-year-old Tenryu, shorter than the less experienced challenger by four inches, sent an all-out attack to Yoshiyama in the last two rounds to barely bring home the well-received decision.

Referee Kurume, judges Kashiwagi and Uenaka gave their votes, 48-45, 49-46 and 48-47, all to Tenryu. Yoshiyama, showed his best in round four, when he chased the defending champ with a busier two-fisted attack. Local hope Mikio Uchida, JBC no. four junior flyweight at 107¾, lost a close but unanimous decision to Yutaka Sato, no. seven at 108 pounds, in a supporting eight. Another sixer witnessed Manabu Yamashita and Shogo Tabata, both scaling at 122 pounds, repeat a give-and-take exchange in every round to a split draw.

▲KORAKUEN HALL, TOYKO — Having been badly demolished by Carlos Palomino in Las Vegas last February, OPBF welterweight ruler Ryu Sorimachi, 150¾, appeared for the first time since the defeat to prove too ringwise for Toshiharu Nambu, 152 and no. five contender, in ten hot frames. It was thirty-year-old veteran Ryu's 70th pro contest, which some 1,400 customers witnessed admiringly. In the first two rounds, the younger Nambu tossed good body punches to have Ryu a bit bewildered. But Ryu solved Nambu's infighting from the fourth round on, throwing fast one-twos to keep his longer distance. It was slick-punching Ryu that was on the offensive in the latter half. Semi-windup found ex-junior lightweight top contender Gold Jo still very scrappy as his stopped Shoichi Abe, an upright southpaw, in the sixth round. Each tipped the beam at 133 pounds. The bleeding loser was no. nine contender in the 130-pound class of JBC. In another eight, it was a short work for Katsuji Sano to finish Kazuo Takuno with devastating left hooks in the second session. They scaled in at 119 pounds. Sorimachi's comback go was televised locally in the Tokyo district through Tokyo Channel 12.

▲KORAKUEN HALL, TOKYO — Strong left-hooker Royal Kobayashi, 125½, became the new OPBF champion, as he battered Hwang Bok-Soo, the defending champ and WBC top contender at 125 pounds, all the way to stop him in 2:50 of the tenth session of their scheduled twelve-rounder. After being polished off by Puerto Rico's Wilfredo Gomez in the previous showing months ago, very sturdy Kobayashi determined to return to the 126-pound class from the super bantam division. His attempt, free from severe weight reduction, resulted in a fine success. Kobayashi was far from his previous wild swinging style, shaking up the Korean with good left jabs in the first and second rounds. In round three, Hwang, a 23-year-old who had compiled a 41-4 record (seventeen by kayo), hit the deck from Kobayashi's short crisp left shot. As the contest progressed, their difference of power became too obvious for Hwang to overcome even by use of his favorite counter-punching. The retreating Korean's right eye was being puffed and later closed completely. In round seven and eight, Kobayashi was in command by a clear margin, chasing the champ with good lefts. Only the ninth session was taken by Hwang, who recklessly came forward to toss busy combos to the face and the arms of Kobayshi. The tenth and final round witnessed Hwang suddenly turn back to a corner for awhile, losing half of his sight, to be counted up to the mandatory eight.

The third man Choi Yong-Chun, imported from Korea, had the JBC physician examine Hwang's wounded eye. The ref immediately declared a halt to award a kayo win to the Nipponese aggressor. Kobayashi, his five years senior at twenty-eight gained his twenty fifth victory and twenty second knockout against four defeats to be the second OPBF titlist in this country, besides RYU Sorimachi in the welter class. In a supporting eight Masaharu Inami of Yokohama, 107¼, was a little annoyed by resistless body punches of Tsugumasa Toma, 107, in the second and third rounds, but threw plenty of one-two combos to take a majority decision thanks to winning three clearcut rounds from the fourth. Inami, nineteen-year-old prospect, was rated no. eight by JBC. The crowd was 2,500. There were six four rounders.

▲KORAKUEN HALL, TOKYO — A dual title card attracted some 2,000 frans who saw a spectacular kayo. Unbeaten 22-year-old rookie Akio Kameda, 145½, prevented Shoji Tsujimoto, 147 pounds, from scoring the thirteenth consecutive defense of his Japan's welterweight crown, as his youth and aggressiveness overwhelmed the veteran to finish him in 3:02 of the fifth round. Taller by one inch at 5 11 and seven years his junior, Kameda started so well that he landed swift effective rights to the face and body in the first round. The second session saw Tsujimoto absorb punishment from a solid left, Kameda's specialty that had brought him to a 6-0 (all by kayo) record, which dropped the defending champ on his knees near the ropes. His damage was not so much, for Tsujimoto fiercely fought back with full-speed combinations to have Kameda backpedaling until the bell. Regaining his usual zip in round three and four, champ Tsujimoto displayed sharp jabs to bounce the youngster's head off repeatedly. The two rounds were dominated by the veteran lefty by a slight margin each. The tide seemed to turn in Tsujimoto's favor, however, in the fifth canto. No sooner had the round begun than Kameda sent a wicked one-two to the champ to have him reeling to the ropes. Kameda's barrage of rights and lefts concentrated on the mark, collapsing Tsujimoto to his knees. Though he beat the count at nine, Kameda's assault continued until his opponent went down again in a similar manner. Despite standing up at the count of seven, Tsujimoto was staggering so much to cause the ref Yoshida's tolling the fatal ten. Tsujimoto's eight year career with a 27-3-2 (fourteen KO's) record had him favored to retain the title, but Kameda overcame the inferiority of skills with more blows and more determination. It was a very good contest. In the first title go, Yasutsune Uehara, Japan's junior lightweight champ at 129½, lost the first two rounds by Ryu Fukida's firing opening attack, but banged out the latter so badly that he pummeled Ryu into submission in 1:50 of the seventh round. The knockout was Uehara's third defense. From the third round on, Uehara probed the lefty challenger with smashing rights without left leads very effectively. The more powerful champ found his opponent's weakness in his breadbasket and opened a cut at the left eyebrow, in the third round, and the contest became onesided. In round seven, Uehara who had sunk fourteen men in the eighteen previous outings against 4 defeats, made Fukida helpless after two knockdowns with a flurry of punches to the body and face. Referee Morita rightly stopped it to save Ryu from futher punishment. Ryu, 130 pounds and one year older at twenty seven, suffered the seventh setback against fourteen wins (eight by kayo) and one draw. In a supporting six, a bright hope and ex-Olympian Hitoshi Ishigaki, 118, technically kayoed Yasutoshi Kambe, at the end of the second round. In another sixer, flyweight Morio Yamazato, 112, was also a TKO victor over Nobuo Horigome, 110¾, in 53 seconds of the fifth session. The card was dually promoted by Kyoei and Yonekura Promotions, and telecast nationwide by TBS of Tokyo.

Former national featherweight champion Flipper (Haruji) Uehara, the younger brother of Yasutsune, officially announced his retirement, after he had relinquished his title to the Japan Boxing Commission. His last fight was a fifteen-round decision to Cecilio Lastra for the WBA feather throne last year.

ORIENTAL & PACIFIC RATINGS
(AS OF MAY 19, 1978)

MIDDLEWEIGHT
Champion
Jae Do Yuh (K)
1. HeunWon Kang (K)
2. Rudy Siregar (I)
3. Toshiaki Suzuki (J)
4. NamYong Park (K)
5. Al Korevov (A)
6. ChulKwon Suh (K)
7. Ramon Dionision (P)
8. Wally Carr (A)
9. ChangBaek Choi (K)
10. Michihiro Horihata (J)

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHT
Champion
Ho Joo (K)
1. Kenji Shibata (J)
2. Tsutomu Hagusa (J)
3. ManDok Lee (K)
4. Albert Cruz (P)
5. Thamingthong Singsamang (T)
6. JaeKeun Lim (K)
7. Aquiline Nicolas (P)
8. Mitsuo Kushikino (J)
9. JungShik Kim (K)
10. Minoru One (J)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Ryu Sorimachi (J)
1. Akio Kameda (J)
2. Gideon Toyogon (P)
3. Mana Premchai (T)
4. Shoji Tsujimoto (J)
5. Namin Baek (K)
6. Satanfa S. Pratip (T)
7. Roberto Despi (P)
8. Neli Pattel (A)
9. KapSoo Kim (K)
10. Noli Galicha (P)

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Moises Canja (P)
1. Wongso Suseno (I)
2. Noboru Hatakeyama (J)
3. Dan De Guzman (P)
4. ChongHo Kim (K)
5. Jong Sathiragym (T)
6. Baby Cassius Austin (A)
7. Yoshiaki Ogino (J)
8. SangKyun Kim (K)
9. Kiatsayarm Jokler (T)
10. Cris Boy Otero (P)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
YoungHo Oh (K)
1. Masahiro Yokai (J)
2. KwangMin Kin (K)
3. Changton Singthenongsadi (T)
4. Many Israel (P)
5. Petchayam Petcharoen (T)
6. Billy Mulholland (A)
7. Kiyoshi Kazama (J)
8. Kunpan Singtothong (T)
9. Hitoshi Takahashi (J)
10. Mar Alverio (P)

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Rey Tam (P)
1. Takao Maruki (J)
2. Fred "Bruce Lee" Besa (P)
3. Bomber Uchida (J)
4. HaseEun Chung (K)
5. Apollo Yoshio (J)
6. HyungIl Park (K)
7. Billy Moeller (A)
8. Nick Captol (P)
9. MunSuk Choi (K)
10. Sumake CherCahang (T)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Royal Kobayashi (J)
1. Spider Nemoto (J)
2. Nene June (P)
3. Shuzo Yoshida (J)
4. Nunthabureng Leadbandkeye (T)
5. JinKyun Kim (K)
6. Somchart Saksiphayak (T)
7. ChongMan Yuh (K)
8. Jony Sato (P)
9. Paul Ferreri (A)
10. Shinichi Aoki (J)

JR. FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Soon Hyun Chung
1. Yu Kasahara (J)
2. Kumpholek Sakornphitak (T)
3. Ric Quijano (P)
4. Eijiro Murata (J)
5. Sandy Nora (P)
6. DokHun Koh (K)
7. George Tam (P)
8. Morkasakdi Muangsurin (T)
9. Ric Diamle (P)
10. Brian Roberts (A)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
HongSoo Yang (K)
1. Bernabe Villacampo (P)
2. Jiro Takada (J)
3. Dan Pisalchai (T)
4. Koichi Maki (J)
5. YungHwan Kim (K)
6. Tsutomu Igarashi (J)
7. Kenji Kato (J)
8. HakYung Kim (K)
9. Franco Torregosa (P)
10. Nobuyuki Watanabe (J)

BAMTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
YungSik Kim (K)
1. Somkiat Sukothai (T)
2. Go Numata (J)
3. Mario Odias (P)
4. Shuichi Isogami (J)
5. InKyo Park (K)
6. Fernando Cabanera (P)
7. Mungkorndum Muangsurin (T)
8. Cesar Amazan (P)
9. Sutan Rambing (I)
10. ChongChan Lee (K)

JR. FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
SungJun Kim (K)
1. Sangil Chung (K)
2. Siony Carupo (P)
3. YoungHyun Kin (K)
4. Kazunori Tenryu (J)
5. Wongchainoi Sithvattani (T)
6. Seki Singthong (T)
7. Floor Escobito (P)
8. Steve Bell (A)
9. Phenix Taniguchi (J)
10. MakDong Kim (K)

KOREA

▲CULTURAL GYMNASIUM, SEOUL — Newly crowned OPBF junior flyweight champion Kim Sung-Jun this time turned the tables by an impressive third round knockout of Japan's titlist Kazunori Tenryu in a scheduled 12 round bout. Having been outscored by Tenryu in Tokyo last year, southpaw puncher Kim gamely battled the shorter Japanese with his title at stake. After Kim moved to and fro to avert Tenryu's early firework, the Korean traded a wicked combo to the face to floor him. Tenryu was wobbly enough to hit the canvas twice more to be declared a kayo loser by Filipino referee, Nataya.

▲CULTURAL GYMNASIUM, SEOUL — Fast-rising and hard-hitting Korean champ Chung Soon-Hyun added another OPFB crown as he defeated Ric Quijano of the Philippines by a split decision in 12 frames. Challenger as he was, Chung was favored to win the bigger laurels because of his recent string of victories including an important decision from Hwang Bok-Soo in a nontitle go months before. Young Chung desires a crack at fellow countryman Hong Soo-Hwan's WBA title in the 122-pound class with a proposal of $100,000 purse to Hong.

▲CULTURAL GYMNASIUM, SEOUL — OPBF flyweight leader Yang Hong-Soo's first appearance since his winning the title from Jiro Takada in Osaka, Japan, last December was witnessed by some 2,000 customers. His opponent was ex-Japanese flyweight champ Chikara Igarashi, whom Yang stopped in 2:36 of the eighth round due to the Nipponese newcomer's bad gash of the left eyebrow. However the proceedings up to the stoppage was rather disappointing for the Korean crowd, who had expected the lefty champ to score a more convincing showing. Yang missed plenty against the elusive footworker except in the third round, when he cornered Igarashi with a volley of punches to the face to win the round. Igarashi moved fast but punched little only to be a TKO loser. In a semi-windup eight, former amateur medalist in the welterweight class, Kim Ju-Suk made a fine pro debut by onesidedly beating Michihiro Horihata, a lefty JBC no, two junior middleweight, in the 154-pound class contest.

▲CULTURAL GYMNASIUM, SEOUL — OPBF bantamweight titleholder Kim Yung-Shik survived a fourth round knockdown to come back hard to a majority decision over Filipino Neptali Alamag in a hard-fought 12-round bout. Kim registered the second successful defense with the official scoresheets as follows: Korean ref and judge 57-55 and 58-56 for the defending champ's favor, but another judge from the Philippines 56-56. Neptali, a lefty top contender of his country, fought well with solid counterpunches, but exhausted considerably in the last three rounds. Kim was rated no. seven by WBA and no. ten by WBC.

▲CULTURAL GYMNASIUM, SEOUL — Ex-amateur ringster Yuh Oak-Kyun downed Torayuki Nasaha, Japan's no. eight junior flyweight, to the ropes midway in the second round to earn an eight round decision in his pro debut. Yuh had beaten Park Chan-Hee, another bright prospect rated by

WBC, in his amateur days, dut to his taller height as a flyweight and good power punching.

▲**KODOK GYMNASIUM, PUSAN** Joo Ho, junior middleweight ruler of the OPBF, defeated Yohi Arai, Japan, by a unanimous decision in 12 rounds to retain his title for the second time. There were no knockdowns, but Joo made good use of his longer reach as well as his superior physique to overwhelm the easy victim whom Joo had decisioned in March last year. It was Joo's tune-up go, before he came to Japan to meet dethroned champ Tsutomu Hagusa.

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THE PHILIPPINES

By FELIPE J.C. GALANG

▲**MANILA: Dan de Guzman, 142, junior welterweight champion of the Islands, badly defeated Hector Thompson, 141, in ten rounds. Promoted by Paciencia Hitosis.** This was evenly fought, as both boys were willing mixer. Guzman landed occasionally, but found Thompson a tough nut to crack. Franco Torregosa, 111½, kayoed Danilo Berdida, 110½, in the ninth round. Cesar Amazan, 119, proved too strong for Star Dayaman, whom he stopped in the fourth round. Aquilino Nicolas Jr., 150½, bested Armando Baniqit, 150, in ten rounds. Eddie Boyles, 141, defeated Mar Marin, 137, whom he stopped in the third round.

▲**ILOILO CITY:** Rolly Garcia Ramos, 107, won over Fred Deocades, 106, in ten rounds. Promoted by Steve Doctora.

▲**MUTINLUPA:** Romeo Olivetti, 133, halted Pepito Gilua, 130, in the ninth round. Promoted by Oscar Reyes.

▲**GEBU CITY:** Ric Diamale, 121, defeated Rudy Patalinhug, 119, in twelve rounds the vacant junior featherweight championship of the Islands. It was promoted by Marilag Sports Promotions. William Gotera, 139, was eaten by Ruben Rabago, 138, in ten rounds. Josue Agcang, 109, won over Brigildo Canada, 107, in ten rounds. Cesar Ligan, 121, and Fred Jarabay, 121, drew in ten.

▲**CABANATUAN CITY:** Fel Viesca, Jr. did not have a hard time in knocking out Elmer Arriesgado, 123, in the seventh round scheduled ten. Promoted by Samuel Garcia.

▲**DAVAO CITY:** Cris Boy Otero, 130, badly outpointed Roldan Jumuad, 136, in ten rounds. Promoted by Andres Ong. Danilo Inocian, 114, halted Ric Ramos, 114, in the fourth round of their scheduled ten. Julius Gonzaga, 115, stopped Rudy Camasa, 118, in the seventh round. Gar Atayde, 139, lost to Ernie Lopez, 127, in ten rounds. Ed. Clementes, 112, bested Rudy Espina, 112, in the second round of their scheduled ten. Little Campo, 108, and Jun Leonario, 110, drew after ten rounds of fighting.

▲**ILOILO CITY:** Roberto Despi, 143, outpointed Rey Bustillos, 143, in ten rounds. Promoted by Steve Doctora.

▲**BENGUET:** Rocky Arsenio, 118, drew with Cesar Kid, 118. Promoted by Danny Segundo.

▲**ANGELES CITY:** Fred "Bruce Lee" Basa, 129, won over Leo Viajedor, 130, in twelve rounds. It was for the jr. lightweight championship of the Philippines, promoted by Antonio Esguerra. Arnel Arrozal, 114, knocked out Oscar Gonzales, 112, in the fifth round. Mar Alverio, 135, beat Joe Almano, 134, ten. Boy Reyes, 128, kayoed Vic Borje, 129, in the fourth round. Fred Pastor, 136, defeated Rocky Angeling, 137, in ten.

REMEMBER THE NAME: ARCADIO "PEE WEE" SUAREZ

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guy was real tough. I hit him with everything, but he just wouldn't go down. I won the decision and it made me realize how important condition is. Before my last fight, my trainer, Tony, told me that I was fighting some guy, O'Keefe from New Jersey, who was supposed to be very good. I trained very hard for this fight because people were starting to know the name "Suarez." Tony told me, "The guy hits pretty good." I came in at 139 pounds for this fight, because I wanted to be as quick as I could, since O'Keefe came in at 145. In the first round we exchanged jabs. I banged him a right hand on the chin, and the fight was over.

When asked about his life outside the ring, Pee Wee replied, "I am married and lead a very quiet life. My wife Martha is working and going to school to further her career. I am very proud of her. As for my parents, unlike most, mine are all for my boxing. They come to all my bouts. When I am not boxing I like to talk with the kids in the neighborhood and try to encourage them into boxing. This might keep them out of trouble, which is difficult when growing up in the lower east side of Harlem."

"As for myself, I take boxing ver serious." I work very hard everyday, doing my roadwork in Central Park every morning and spending my afternoons in the gym. 'Why?' you ask. Because someday, I will be welterweight champion of the world."

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

By GEORGE C. BECKLES

SPARROW'S HIDEAWAY, PETIT VALLEY — Fans saw Michael Parsons, 147 Lbs., Trinidad no. 2 welterweight in one of the most important fights in his career when he butchered Lionel "Toughskin" Cameron, 148½ Lbs. Jamaica's No. 2 welterweight, after one minute 39 seconds of the fourth round.

The 24-year old Trinidadian took control of the scheduled ten-round main event from the opening stanza, when he stopped Cameron in his rush with right-left combination to head and body. He knocked Cameron's mouthguard out in the second round, but Cameron kept advancing looking for an opportunity to deck Parsons. In the third round, Parsons dropped his 33-year old opponent with a right to the jaw for the mandatory eight count. Cameron went on to score punches for the last half minute and had Parsons looking tired. In the fourth round both men moved in and the heat was on in the exchange. The Jamaican had blood spouting from a cut over his left eye, he claimed it was an "unintentional butt" which opened up an old wound. However, Parsons said it was a short right that did the damage. Cameron lost by TKO. The stage is all set for a fight with Eddie Marcelle for the national welterweight title.

Michael Drayton, 131, Trinidad and Tobago, pounded out a unanimous ten-round points decision over Cleveland Miller Jamaica, 128 lbs. Drayton was never in trouble as he kept jabbing away at the Jamaican with rights coming all the way. Judge James Harper: 48-39 Drayton, Judge Siegmund Assee: 49-42 Drayton and Referee George Cumberbatch: 50-43, also for Drayton.

Six-round preliminaries: Selwyn Figaro, 148, decisioned Winston Granger, 152; Edmund Carter, 148¾, decisioned Lester Miller, 146.

ERNIE TERRELL, FORMER WBA HEAVY CHAMP, IS NOW PROMOTER IN CHICAGO

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been a steady climb to success, except for Moore's second bout in his comeback, when he won most of the first seven rounds of a ten rounder, administering his opponent a broken jaw and nose, but lost the last three rounds in winning a close decision.

Always with an eye to the media, Terrell and his group are prepared to spend money for the next year and a half to build a boxing base of support. Champion Makers is the campaign to high gear, with fights twice a month.

"This gives Walter exposure even though he won't be fighting every two weeks," Terrell said. The bi-weekly fights keep the crowd in touch with boxing.

"It'd be nice to get a crowd in Chicago and go up against someone like George Chuvalo," Ernie added. Chuvalo just recently regained the Canadian Heavyweight championship—at fourty-one years of age.

Whether Terrell or Walter Moore make it is uncertain. An offer to appear on last Autumn's Night of the Heavyweights," didn't have a big enough paycheck to suit Terrell. So, while Norton and Ron Lyle drew big paychecks for their televison bouts, Moore stayed at the Aragon.

Nevertheless, Ernie Terrell's promotions are a persistant reminder of the club fight days. And Terrell *has* made it possible for fighters to get a pay day who might otherwise have never got a start in boxing.

Terrell has spawned some colorful pugilists. One is Benny Marquez, a free swinging lightweight who has earned the nickname, "El Diablo" (The Devil).

Indeed, activity at Mayor Daley's gym is brisk with young pros and amateurs sparring, hitting the speed bag, and skipping rope with more enthusiasm now that they have somewhere to fight.

BOXING IN CHICAGO

By JIM BRADY

"Today Illinois . . . tomorrow the world." That thought seemed to be going thru Al "Firebrand" Clay's mind as the personable Chicagoan won the vacant state middleweight title by outboxing ring-wise Johnny Heard, 159, Chicago in a ten-rounder at the Aragon Ballroom.

Exhibiting a deft left jab, Clay kept Heard at bay thruout the contest, as the 37-year-old journeyman simply could not get untracked.

In the third round, Clay floored Heard with an over-hand right, and few in the sparce crowd of about 600 doubted the eventual outcome.

The victory raised Clay's record to 10-2-1, while Heard's fell to 12-9.

Handled wisely, Clay could crash the national ratings.

In the eight-round semi-final, classy Robert Echols, 203, Memphis, Tenn. survived a leather blitzkrieg to defeat veteran Chico Gardber, 214, Chicago.

Echols is a good fighter, but it's courageous athletes like Gardner which make boxing the great sport that it is.

Alex Porrata, 154, San Juan, Puerto Rico battered veteran Mauro Galvan, 157½, Mexico City, Mexico into a bloody defeat at 1:28 of round two.

Frank Monaco, 194, Chicago pummelled a "ringer" billing himself as Jim Pixley, 180, Memphis, Tenn., into oblivion at 2:47 of the first round.

In the opener, gutty Warren Thunder, 150½, Chicago battered Leonard Boyd, 151, Memphis, Tenn. for two rounds, flooring Boyd three times before the contest was halted.

Thunder, a recovered polio victim, is a great favorite with the fans because of his "pitbull" style.

Former WBA heavyweight champion Ernie Terrell opened the show with a moving rendition of The Star Spangled Banner in addition to promoting the bouts.

▲"George . . . George . . . George . . . George," chanted the frenzied crowd of 5,000 at Chicago's International Amphitheatre. George being George Mostardini, a fistic messiah, who promoter Ernie Terrell hopes will lead him to the financial promised land.

Mostardini's opponent "Ruffhouse" Tom Fischer, 203, Dayton, Ohio . . . however, was an unwilling convert. For six rounds, the brawny Fischer battered Mostardini, 207½, while the homefolks sat in stunned disbelief.

But the judges saw it differently. Mostardini was awarded a unanimous decision. The crowd which was fanatically pro Mostardini, practically booed the roof off of the arena.

The "win" upped George's record to 9-0, with 8 knockouts.

That record is terribly misleading. Only two of Mostardini's opponents were licensed professional fighters. With the exception of Fischer, who is a rugged customer, the rest of George's foes looked like "outpatients" from the Cook County Morgue.

Fisher's record dips to 15-4.

In a bout billed as the "main-event" Walter Moore, 212½, Chicago, was too strong for veteran Joe "King" Roman, 197, Tampa, Fla., over ten rounds.

Moore forced the action thruout the contest, landing painful body shots and staggering Roman in the ninth round. Roman an 86 bout veteran (61-20-5) threw awkward left jabs . . . but appeared more intent on survival than winning.

Walter's record improves to 19-1 with 15 knockouts.

Terrell is hopeful of coaxing a top-notch heavyweight into Chicago to meet Moore later this year.

Chicago's best pro pospect Young Joe Louis, 192, floored Charles Atlas, 207½, Bastrop, La. in the second round with left-right combination enroute to taking a bloody eight-round decision over the veteran. Louis' record is now 9-0.

Atlas, who's tangled with Boone Kirkman, Roy Williams, and Memphis Al Jones was game, but outclassed.

In a torrid battle that received a standing ovation, nationally ranked Alberto Collazo, 128½, Pittsburgh, Pa. hammered out a unanimous verdict over Benny Marquez, 127, Chicago in an eight-rounder.

Collazo who sports 2 wins over Marquez is now 11-2, while Benny's record drops to 16-6.

In the curtain-raiser, Henry Sims, 173, Chicago, dropped Lucky Patterson, 168½, Chicago, 3 times enroute to winning a unanimous decision.

Sims, who lost his first pro fight to Julius Noble on a TKO was very impressive.

Promoter Ernie Terrell had his most successful card to date and he's the chief reason why people are again talking boxing in the Windy City.

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HERNANDEZ AND O'GRADY SCORE KAYOES IN OMAHA

By ROBERT J. RUIZ

Brought back for an encore performance, after heralding the pro boxing revivial in this state last month, were lightweight sensations Dale Hernandez and Sean O'Grady. Both men were scheduled for ten rounders but ended them in short order.

Hernandez, 139, Omaha was expected to be carried the full ten rounds by tough Freddie "The Stepper" Harris, 136, Bossier City, La. However, Dale bludgeoned Harris to the floor after a steady, methodical attack to head and body that snapped the fight right out of "The Stepper". The end came in the third frame, making it Dale's second straight comeback win after a year's layoff. Hernandez is now 30-2.

The co-featured main event pitted top ranking Sean O'Grady 136, Oklahoma City, against familiar nemesis, Harvey "Candyman" Wilson, 140, Columbus, Ohio, in another scheduled ten-rounder. Because Wilson had gone the route with O'Grady before as well as giving Sean his most difficult fight, the fight was expected to go all the way. However, Sean had other ideas and by 1:56 of the second round, it was all over, and O'Grady had added another notch to his gunbelt in the latest of a long string of knockout wins. Sean is now 56-1, Candyman 22-11.

O'Grady, when he is ready, turns into a whirlwind of action and nobody can survive the onslaught. However, to his credit, Wilson scored with more punches to the face than Sean has been hit with in his last three fights combined.

In an exciting semi-final, Monty Cady, 165, Lincoln, Nebr., came from behind to stop Kirk Kinard, 163, La., in the second round. Kinard claimed a bad shoulder did him in but Cady's head shots were also a contributing factor.

Dogged determination prevailed for Pat Hallacy, 148, Wichita, Kansas, earning himself a split decision win over Jim Hearn, 150, Omaha. Six rounds. Hearn is one of those naturally gifted fighters who wastes his talents by back-pedaling too much of the time.

Lupe Guera, Council Bluffs, Ia., kayoed Kent Meyer, Wichita, in the third round of their heavyweight opener. Guera looked mighty impressive in this, his second pro fight and second win.

READ THE RING

IN OLD VIRGINNY

By JACKIE LEVINSON

▲VIRGINIA BEACH — Norfolk policeman Bobby Acey, continues to K.O. his opponents. To this date, he has scored eleven straight K.O. wins. Ron Pettigrew his opponent, from Cleveland, Ohi, was sporting a record of fifteen K.O. loses, eight wins by decision. Ron, during the 1st three rounds, appeared to have the edge over Acey. Pettigrew's superior boxing ability, during the first three rounds, made Bobby and his fans think that he had finally met someone who was capable of withstanding his terrific punching ability. This writer has been associated with boxing for fifty years as a boxer (Chris Dundee, manager) referee, promoter, matchmaker, trainer, *etc.* I can not remember anyone, professional or amateur, who has a harder punch, plus more taking ability. Bobby better get Dick Pettigrew to teach him how to block punches with his arms, instead of his face. Because Acey is tough, he should not have to prove it every time he boxes. Bobby should remember. *"He who jabs, and runs away, lives to jab another day. But he who goes in and slugs, is bound to end up bugs."*

The Dome's sellout crowd (1,813) paid admittance, were satisfied, with the action supplied by the feature bout between Leroy Boone, U.S.N. heavyweight, and Speedy Jordan of Norfolk. The former State heavyweight champion, Jordan, is, or was, a promising professional a few years back. (The lack of promotions in the local area, plus the fact that Jordan had no gymnasium nearby to workout.) He was hoping experience would help him out. Youth must be served. You can't operate on wishes alone. . .

Sugar "Ray" Leonard, the World's sixth ranked welterweight with a 10-0 record, since turning pro after winning the Olypic title, boxed a four-round exhibition with Odel Leonard, his cousin, also a professional fighter. . .

In an upset, David Johnson, a promising nineteen-year old heavyweight from Bowie, Md., punched out a unanimous decision over Don (Doc) Spellman, Virginia's second ranked heavyweight, in a six-rounder. Spellman thought the decision should have been closer than the judges called it. Johnson got in the better blows, while Spellman tryed to gain points on infighting with his heavier and taller opponent. . .

Jesse Carter of Norfolk, and Wilber Crews of Bowie, Md. fought a six-round draw in a middleweight bout. . .

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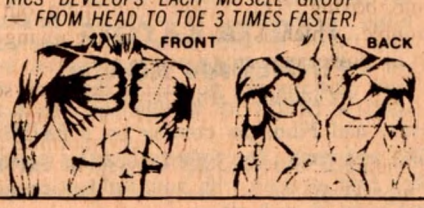

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CERVANTES KEEPS WBA JR. WELTER CROWN BY KO

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right stylist. The Thai southpaw was often forced to be on the defensive owing to Antonio's incessant punching precision.

In the fatal session, Cervantes first caught the loser with a vicious right to stop him moving. The defending champ overwhelmed Tongta with his following punches to the button. The haymaker was a double hook at the Thai's midsection and face. Tongta went down, never to beat the count.

The thirty-two year old champ was dethroned by Wilfred Benitez in San Juan on March 6 two years ago, when the teen-ager amazingly defeated Pambele via a close decision. The WBA stripped Benitez of the title due to his failure to give Antonio a crack at the 140-pound throne. Cervantes, the perennial top contender, was given an opportunity to recapture his laurels in the WBA eliminator with the Argentine Gimenez.

Many hoped that Cervantes' opponent could have been Saensak Muangsurin, WBC champion in the same class and the pride of the country after seven consecutive defenses.

Rather unknown challenger Tongta had compiled a good record by beating ex-Orient leader Wongso Suseno of Indonesia and Dan de Guzman, boss of the Philippines, in previous years. The Thai southpaw had received strict coaching from former junior lightweight titlist Flash Elorde, who had been an excellent lefthander.

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH RICARDO CARDONA

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Vincente Saldivar, Mexico, drops out of the Top Ten in the lightweights, replaced by Trinidad's Claude Noel in the eighth spot. Claude outpointed Fitzroy Giuseppi.

Inactive Bobby Chacon, Los Angeles, drops from the junior lights. Argentina's Juan Malvarez, with wins over Facundo Villalba and Hipolite Segundo, moves into the tenth spot. Limon's win over Marin moves him from third to two. Escalera, inactive, falls to third.

Featherweight Sean O'Grady, Oklahoma City, moves from six to four with Lastra dropping from four to six. O'Grady beat Romeo Anay last time out. David Kotey, Ghana, drops out to make room for WBA jr. feather king Ricardo Cardona, Venezuela. Ricardo kayoed Soo Hong-Hwan for the title. Cardona is ranked seventh; Hwan falls to eighth.

Bantamweight Andres Hernandez, a loser to Zarate, drops out and is replaced with Paul Perreira, Australia, who is number ten.

Flyweight Al Sandoval's win over Socrates Batoto moves him from five to three. Freddy Castillo's loss to Netrnoi Vorasinghi, Thailand, cost him not only his number four rating, but his WBC junior fly title. Vorasinghi is now number five. Falling out of the Top Ten are Juan Guzman, Dominican Republic, and Freddy Hernandez, Colombia, both lost their last times out. Breaking into the tenth place in the division is a name many will remember, Bernabe Villacampo, Philippines. He kayoed Japan's Shigeo Nakajima.

GUSHIKEN KO'S RIOS

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Jaime's fighting spirit and fast mobility made him refuse to go down again, though he was battered thereafter.

It was their rematch, since the Japanese lefty had survived a third-round knockdown to win a split but popular decision from Rios in fifteen gory rounds on January 30 of last year.

Therefore, a main problem of Gushiken's was whether he could stop Jaime's very busy footwork with body punches. The Japanese champ concentrated on the strategy, at the expense of his swollen eyes, to weaken Rios effectively.

Rios, his two year senior, with 21-3-1 record with nine kayos, entered the ring at 107¼ to Gushiken's 108 pounds. The Panamanian was two inches shorter than Yoko's 5'4".

In a supporting ten, Japan's no. four bantamweight, Jo Araki, decisioned Kenzo Takasugi. Both scaled in at 120 pounds.

Abebe Yoshida, 121½, was a points victor over local favorite Atomic Kurusu, 122 pounds, in eight heats.

In a preliminary sixer, Yuji Koguchi, a crippled fighter, very popular among boxing fans, weighing 129¾, overcame the handicap to outscore Shine Yamashita, 128¼, unanimously.

GALINDEZ EDGES LOPEZ

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17, 1977, in Rome and lost a close fifteen round nod.

The fight was dull, with Lopez boxing Galindez. Alvaro used his jab and rights to the head of Victor to pile up points. He never once really attacked his man.

Victor, on the other hand, moved backwards and countered with his left to the body. He never opened up.

Galindez, 172, was the home-town boy and was given a fifteen round unanimous decisioned over the heart-broken Lopez, 172.

The scoring was: referee Mario Riva, 148-145; Judge Dante Parini, 146-144, and Judge Elmo Della Michelina, 148-146; all for Galindez.

HAGLER KAYOES FINNEGAN AGAIN

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even, and Finnegan coming on a bit in the fifth and sixth. The fight lacked the lustre of their first meeting with both fighters cautious and leery of each other.

For Hagler, this could be the match that moves him into a world title match with Hugo Corro. Boston promoter, Rip Valenti said: "I am working with Bob Arum, and a Hagler vs. Corro world title bout is a possibility—either here in Boston or elsewhere."

On the undercard, Tony Petronelli winning big over John Montague, was stopped cold in the fifth round at 1:10 when Montague caught Petronelli with a straight right hand to the jaw, followed by a left hook and down went the East Bridgeport entry. Tony was up at nine but was dropped again for keeps in a surprise finish.

This could well mark the end of a fine career for tough Tony, who was winning the fight until he was tagged. Tony weighed 144½ and Montague 146.

DAVIS WINS CLOSE ONE WITH STANTON

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The bout was Davis' toughest to date, admitted the 1976 Olympic hero, and it was clear that Stanton had the most heart of any of Davis' opponents. The ice cream shop owner from Merrick, who weighed 137 to Davis' 136, was not visibly hurt by any of Davis' blows, adding to the number of those skeptical of Davis' punching power and lack thereof. Stanton, in keeping with his prefight strategy, was willing to take several punches to move inside and bang away at Davis on the ropes.

The plan worked as well as it could, showing that Davis is best when at long range and that he can be beaten in close. The crowd of 3176, two thousand less than anticipated, took Stanton into the fold here and gave him their support throughout the bout, hoping the gutsy 25-year old would be able to pull off an upset of sorts. Afterwards, Stanton said he thought he had indeed done so.

"He was always moving back from me, running away. I had to force the action by going after him," said Stanton. Davis defended his style by saying he "just did what I had to do to win and Larry knows that."

The two may meet again, if Madison Square Garden matchmaker Teddy Brenner has his way. Brenner, who co-promoted the show with Orlando's Pete Ashlock, wants to pair the two again in July in Las Vegas.

Big John Tate, an Olympic teammate of Davis', scored his twelfth victory without a loss as he stopped Argentina's Raul Gorosito, 215, via second-round TKO. Tate, 227, became the first man ever to stop Gorosito when he dropped him three times in the second round.

Ismael Maldonado, 135, New York, a stablemate of Davis' ran his record to 6-0 with six kayos, when he stopped Orlando's James Solomon, 139, after one round. Solomon, a last minute substitution for Homestead's Dennis Green, quit on his stool, complaining of exhaustion and dizziness.

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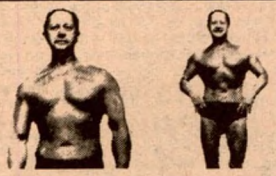

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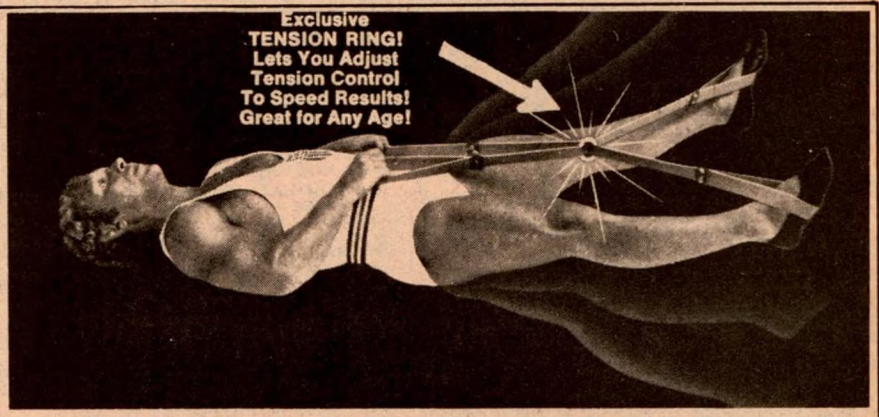

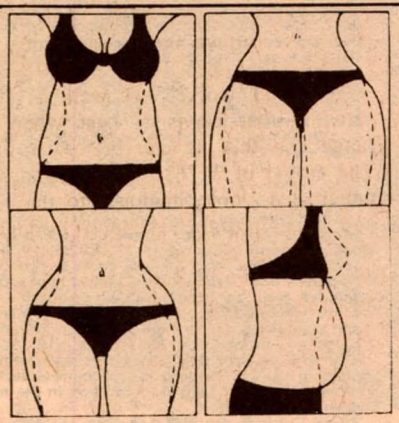

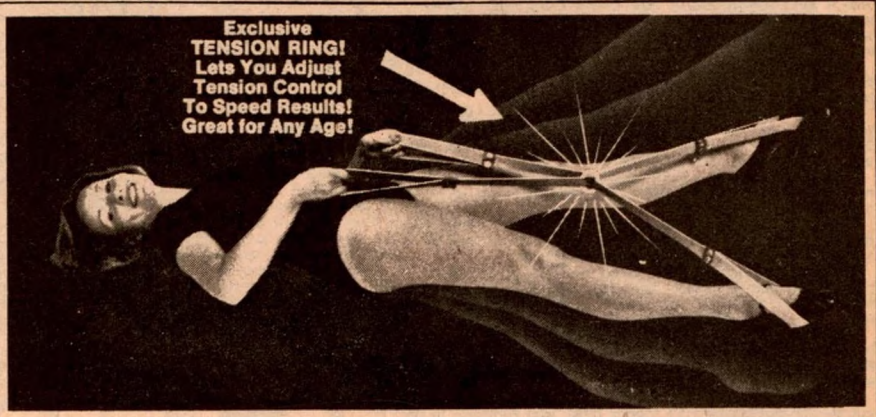

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THE SUNNY SOUTH
By JOEL LIPSITT

GREENVILLE, MISS. — A trio of native Mississippians proved to be the salvation of the pro boxing card held at the beautiful Greenville Athletic Club, Inc., before a noisy, enthusiastic, packed house of about 1,500.

Hard punching Jimmy Heair, the no. one rated junior welterweight in the U.S. and ranked eighth in the world, always satisfies the crowd even if he is only in the ring a few minutes.

Up-and-coming heavyweight prospect Big Larry Alexander, whose punches have a mule's kick, is another crowd-pleaser, even if his matches are usually very short.

Welterweight sensation Rocky McCollum, a 21-year-old who turned pro only a couple of months back, is liked by the crowd because of his aggressiveness and the fact he is a hometown product.

All three—Heair, formerly of Houston, Miss., and Alexander and McCollum, both formerly of Greenville, emerged victorious.

The 25-year-old Heair, 143, now campaigning out of Memphis, registered his fifteenth win in a row, his last 14 by KO, when he knocked out 25-year-old George Madison, 144, Indianapolis, Ind., in 1:22 of the first with a pulverizing left hook to the right rib cage, in upping his record to 70-12-1.

"I call it a liver punch," said Heair. Heair also caught Madison with a couple of other good body blows in the scheduled ten-round feature. But, Madison, who taunted Heair before the fight caught the red-headed Heair with a few good punches to the head early in the first.

"He was difficult to fight," said Heair. "He had some good punches, especially one crazy punch. It was hard to get to know him, but I knew I had to get to him, so I had to take some punches.

"He hit me with one uppercut to the mouth, causing me a good busted lip," said Heair, "and that's when I really took it downstairs to the 'engine room' to take him out of there as soon as possible."

"He hit me with a lucky shot," said Madison. "He banged me in the rib cage and I couldn't get my wind back. I know I did some damge to him and I sure don't think he's no. one. I have been around and fought some that he couldn't touch."

Heair is still looking for a money fight with Bruce Curry or Sugar Ray Leonard. For sure, Heair has his sights set on Antonio (Kid Pambele) Cervantes, the World Boxing Association junior welterweight champion.

In the eight-round semifinal, Big Larry Alexander, 220, now fighting out of Memphis, had to go longer than usual in his heavyweight bout against a very inept Lee Holliman, Ft. Worth, Texas. Larry, who turned pro late last summer, decked Holliman, very noticeably out of shape, at 2:38 of the third with a smashing overhand right to the chin. Holliman was knocked half-way out of the ring by the muscular Alexander, who has fought in his hometown thrice and won thrice, all by kayoes in the early going.

Alexander, more aggressive than in his earlier fights, hurt his bearded opponent several times with first and second-round body punches.

"I would have liked for it to have gone longer for the hometown fans," said Alexander, who upped his record to 9-3-1. "It just didn't go, you know how it is. I had my chance and took advantage of it."

McCollum, now residing in Houston, Tex., where he is a mechanic at a K-Mart Store, had the toughest battle of his three-fight career.

McCollum, 145, and cat-quick Simmie Black, 144, Memphis, battled it out for four rounds of action that went the distance with McCollum getting a unanimous decision win.

The fight went into the final round about even. McCollum, though, cornered Black late, delivering many uppercuts to the face and body punches. Rocky's late flurry is what turned the trick.

Both fighters had swapped punches evenly in the first three rounds, McCollum getting in a few good rights in the first and Black some good lefts in the second. The third was about even.

"He hurt me twice," said McCollum. "I think both were head punches in the second. He's a good boxer who knows all the tricks."

▲HOLIDAY INN RIVERMONT, MEMPHIS, TENN.—An estimated crowd of 1,100 was anxious to see what effect Eddie "The Flea" Freeman's disappointing loss the world's ranked featherweight, Sean O'Grady, would have on him.

Evidently, it didn't discourage the local Memphian favorite at all because the hard punching little featherweight immediately got back on his guest for a title shot by destroying a very game Tony Reed, 122, Chicago, Ill. via a TKO at 1:35 of the eighth in the ten-round main event in upping his record to 21-2.

Although built very slightly in statue, Reed put up a surprisingly game battle in the first seven heats. The initial three rounds were fairly even as neither fighter appeared to dictate or dominate the tempo. Freeman, gloves held high, was the aggressor all the way. He constantly stalked Reed in the fourth as he found the range and bombed home some solid right hand body shots that caused Reed to wince with pain at the end of the round.

As the fight progressed, Reed often playing possum, would come back roaring with blistering left hooks which frequently caught Freeman on the side of the head and jaw. But Reed's counterpunching techniques weren't often enough to stem Freeman's attack.

In the sixth, Freeman trapped Reed in a neutral corner and banged home sme wicked rights to Reed's left rib cage, causing referee Herman Stevens to suddenly administer a standing eight-count, as they do in amateur fighting. This writer feels this rule is not applicable in the pro ranks if a fighter is not actually down.

It was apparent to all that Freeman's torrid body assault would soon wear down the durable Reed. Reed was now fighting only in spurts as he began to run out of gas and was a sitting duck for Freeman's pin point punching. Finally, in the eighth, Freeman trapped Reed in a neutral corner and dropped him to his knees, head touching the canvas, with a brutal body barrage culminated by a whistling right to the jaw. Reed struggled to his feet at nine but was in no shape to continue.

In a grueling six-round semifinal lightweight bout, Memphian veteran Semmi Black, 135, battled to a draw with the ever durable Shannon Williams, 132, Little Rock, Ark. Although Black cut Shannon's left eye early in the third and appeared to land the heavier blows, it was Shannon's non-stop pressing attack, fighting an entire three minutes of each round, that earned him a well deserved draw.

In a companion short-lived six-round welterweight clash, stylish newcomer "Hurricane" Mike Herron, 145, who is rapidly becoming a hometown favorite, notched his second pro win when he starched Derrel Williams, 145, Little Rock, Ark., at 1:59 of the first with a flurry of body blows climaxed by a savage right cross to the side of Williams' head.

In a four-round heavyweight contest, Ed "Savage" Turner, 195, Orlando, Florida, a promising prospect before sustaining a fractured jaw some nine months ago, showed little of his old form as he was given a gift split decision win over lanky James Dixon, 184, Memphis, Tenn. in a dull performance as both boys were just content to maul and wrestle each other around.

The opening four-round lightweight tussle had the crowd howling throughout as rugged Howard McMahan, 130, Calhoun City, Miss., won his second pro fight in TKOing a courageous Jeff Davis, 130, Memphis, Tenn., at 1:08 of the fourth canto. In the first two stanzas, Davis had the better going as he repeatedly rocked the on rushing McMahan with looping rights to the face, causing red welts under both optics. When it appeared that McMahan might fall, he gamely countered back with right uppercuts forcing Davis to give ground and hold. In the final fourth, Davis was completely spent, out on his feet, and was knocked helplessly into the ropes by a savage left hook which knocked his mouth piece into this writer's lap. At this moment, referee John Putman halted a truly exciting scrap.

▲BLYTHEVILLE, ARK. — Professional boxing returned to Blytheville, a northeast town of 25,800, at the American Legion Arena with huge success for the first time since the appearance of top middleweight Ernie Buford back in early 1965.

The five-bout card was the first promotional experience for popular twenty-six-year-old Mike Haney, son of the local police lieutenant. Young Haney was really happy with the buzzing and enthusiastic crowd, an estimated 1,100.

"I sure do appreciate the tremendous support the local air base gave. I certainly heard a lot of new York and Jersey accents," said Haney.

Entertainer Rufus Thomas of Memphis, probably spoke for most of the crowd in attendance. "That climax was something," growled Mr. Funky Chicken.

That climax was the scheduled ten-round main event in which classy hard punching Memphian featherweight, Eddie "The Flea" Freeman, 127, ranked 14th in the U.S., continued his hex over tough veteran Semmi Black, 132, Memphis, by scoring a KO win at 2:40 of the fifth, his seventeenth KO win, in upping his record to 22-2. It was Freeman's third win over Black, the last one being a thrilling come from behind TKO win in 7 back in January in Greenville, Miss.

In the second both brawlers hit the canvas. Freeman caught Black with a right hand to the head sending him to the floor. But before referee Larry Griggs could start his count, Black bolted upright with the move of a circus acrobat and decked the surprised Freeman with a quick combination. Before Griggs could get the count started, the bell ended the action.

Freeman went to the body to finish his opponent. Early in the 5th Freeman stepped back and landed a couple of quick right hands to the mid-section dropping Black for an 8 count.

Black never recovered from those body blows as he struggled to get back to his feet clutching his stomach as "The Flea" moved in for the kill. Freeman decked Black again before a final right to the ribs drew the curtains to one part of the fight, but another remained, as both boxers rushed at each other out of sheer fury, as they had between the second and third rounds during the "pier six brawl." It took referee Larry Griggs and the handlers from both corners to pull the fighters apart. In the end Freeman sustained a slight cut over his left eye.

CANADIAN RING ACTION
By FRANK ALLNUTT

MONTREAL— In what was billed as a grudge fight which attracted 3500 fans at the Paul Sauve Arena, Gerald Bouchard and Guerrero Chavez put on a show that can be seen almost any night for free in a downtown back alley or parking lot. Chavez, holds the Canadian welterweight championship and came in at 152½ and he did little to prove to the fans that he can stay in there when the going gets rough. Bouchard at 154¾, a noted rough, tough brawler, can take a punch, wide open as a barn door and knows very little of the fine art. The scheduled ten rounder went the distance with a split decision going to the brawler Bouchard when two officials called it 47-46, 46-44 while the third saw it 47-46 for Chavez. Right from the initial bell Bouchard realized that no way could be outbox his opponent and started off right away with the back alley, brawling type of fighting he is well known for. Chavez failed to contain his opponent and was in for a long and miserable evening. Wrestling and shoulder blocks took the place of clean punching during the ten rounds, there were no clean knockdowns.

An eight-round welterweight bout between Ricky Camaro (Boston), 144¾, and Alain Turenne (Montreal), 149¼, saved the card from being a complete washout. The two youngsters gave it all they had and put on a fast, clean punching bout which saw Camaro a winner by a unanimous decision. The less said about a light heavyweight fiasco bewteen eighteen year old Eddy Melo 170 and Frank Bullard 177 and thirty five years old the better. Both are from Toronto. Back in 1971 Bullard had the distinction of being K.O.'d by John Conteh in the U.K. and again by Bill Drover back in Canada in the same weel and he had not fought since. Melo destroyed him by the 2.57 mark of the initial round.

In the middleweight six Geraldo Bianco (Montreal), 161½, took out one named Wayne Dobbin (Toronto), 158, at 2.43 of round two.

▲TORONTO— A Pro-Am card held here produced two pro bouts and four amateur bouts for tickets priced at $10 and $20. Headling the card was Horst Giesler (Toronto), a reported 225 pound heavyweight, turned out to be a punching bag for Harry Terrell (Cleveland), 205, who disposed of his opponent at the 1.04 mark of the second round.

Over ten rounds, a pair of Toronto lightweights Nick Furlano and Leo Marsh, both at 135, went through a fast ten rounds with the decision going to Furlano.

▲ WINNIPEG — 2500 fans showed up at the Convention Centre for a five bout pro card which saw Rick Folstad (St. Paul), 137, win a split decision over Al Ford (Edmonton), 136, in the main event over ten.

In the opening heavyweight six Leroy Cadwell (Chicago), 209, worked over Earl McLeay (Calgary), 202, to win a unanimous decision.

Wayne Caplette (Winnipeg), 163, halted Curt Yancy (Minneapolis), 162, at 2.53 of 2.

In a scheduled ten, lightweight Ralph Racine (Niagara Falls), 131, spotted Tom Tarentino (Milwaukee) seven pounds but really laid one on him at the 44 sec mark of the second. A right hand shot by Racine dropped Tarentino flat on his face while guest referee Ernie Terrell counted him out.

The Folstad-Ford main event was a well matched and evenly fought bout for eight rounds with neither fighter unable to gain a strong hold on the fight. Folstad scoring with a fine right hand which would be offset by the fine left hand work of Ford. In the final two rounds it was Folstad who showed the desire and will to win, forcing the pace during these two rounds made him a split decision winner. Both fighters were going at it at the final bell. Two officials called it 47-45 and 48-46 for the Minneapolis boxer while the third official seemed away out of line with his card reading 50-46 for the Edmonton boxer.

SOUTH AFRICAN RING NEWS
By ED CLARK

JOHANNESBURG — Johan Weyers annexed the Transvaal junior lightweight title by outpointing Hardy Mileham over ten rounds in a crowd pleasing fight at the Rapport Gym, Mayfair. Weyers' cleaner punching and variety of blows gained him the decision. Weyers also used combos to head and body and was more adept at close quarters. Both fighters paid visits to the canvas, Weyers in the fourth when Mileham caught him with a right to the head and in the eighth Weyers using a flurry of blows sent Mileham to the canvas.

Brother Hardy Mileham lost in his bid for the Transvaal junior welterweight title when Peet van der Westhuizen using a right swing to good effect won the 10 round bout on points.

▲JOHANNESBURG — Charlie Weir gained sweet revenge when he stopped former conqueror Joe Hali in the second round before a crowd of 5,000 at the Ellis Park Tennis Stadium. Weir actually came back from the verge of defeat after Hali got thru Weir's guard shaking Weir with left and right hooks but Weir throwing caution to the winds elected to slug it out with the harder hitting Hali and a stunning right to Hali's jaw sent Hali to the canvas doing a complete head over heels. Hali rose to be met with a barrage of lefts and rights and with Hali's head hanging halfway thru the ropes, the referee, Stan Christodoulou, called a halt. Weir will box in the middleweight division in the future.

Gert Craemer also gained revenge, stopping Johnny Sham in the twelfth round to gain the white version of the junior middleweight title. Craemer, with non-stop aggression, forced Sham to retire as Sham did not come out for the last round.

▲JOHANNESBURG — Raymond Slack presented a triple title bill at the Ellis Park Tennis Stadium and a crowd of 5,000 saw Harold Volbrecht take the South African "supreme" title by kayoing Morris Mohloai in the second round. Norman "Panga-man" Sekgapane was given an unpopular decision over Andries Steyn for the "supreme" lightweight title and Peter Mathebua and Johannes Sithebe served up a thrilling fight for the "supreme" fly weight title which was won by Mathebula.

▲CAPE TOWN — Kosie Smith, hard hitting South African light heavyweight champion demolished Joe Cokes (U.S.A.) by knocking Cokes out in the fifth round at the Good Hope Center. Smith had Cokes down in the first round, twice in the second and finally in the first minute of the fifth round out for the count. Smith's vicious attack had Cokes nonplussed but he managed to duck out of trouble. In the first, Cokes tried to jab and hook his way out of trouble, but finally succumbed to Smith's pressure.

In the fifth round, Smith rushed at Cokes, who, in trying to avoid Smith, tripped and rolled to the canvas clutching his left arm. He was counted out.

Daniel Mapanya's victory over Doug Lumley earlier in the year was no fluke, as Mapanya knocked out Maxwell Malinga with a right hook that sent him poleaxed to the floor. Mapanya, in stopping Malinga, gained the "black" version of the middleweight championship.

▲WELKOM — Eddie Mileham became the "white" junior lightweight title holder by outpointing Manuel de Paiva over twelve rounds. Mileham built up a lead in the earlier rounds but had to withstand a tremendous rally by de Paiva.

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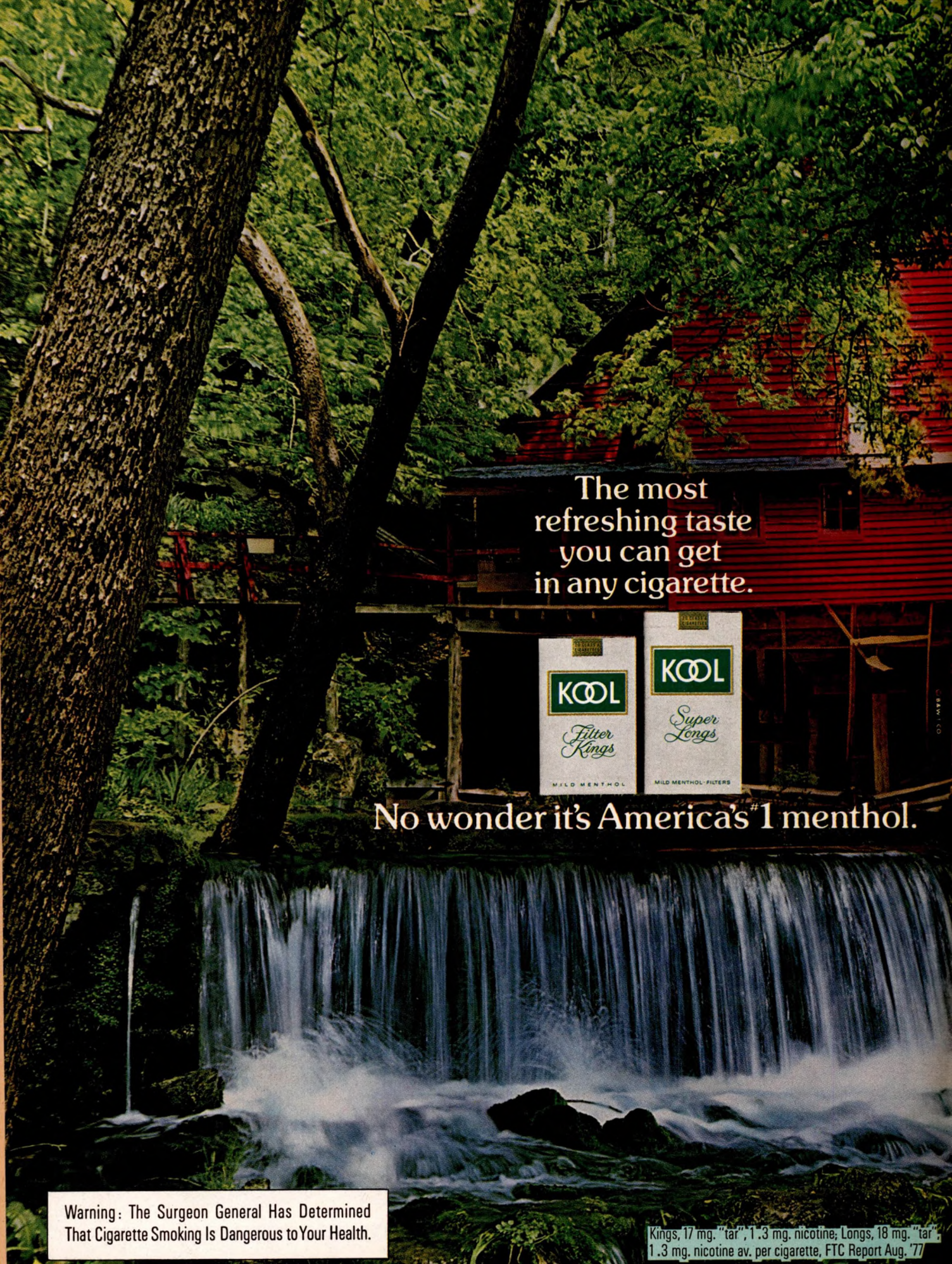
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